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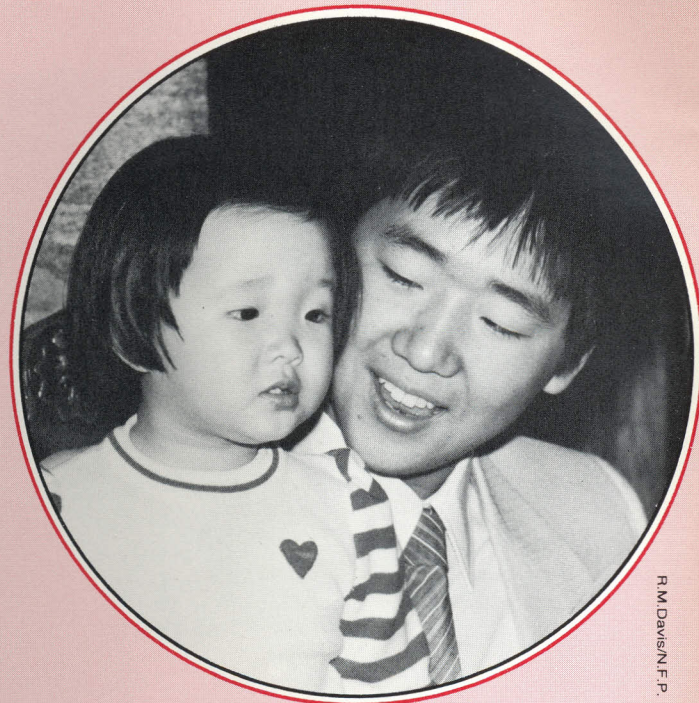


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HYUN JIN NIM!
May 10, 1984



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Jeung Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim

Two of our True Parents' children celebrated their birthdays this past May.

On May 10, Hyun Jin Nim turned 15 [western reckoning]. The True Family and members joined in special prayers of dedication for Hyun Jin Nim offered by True Parents. After breakfast Mother called for a banquet of song, which lasted for over an hour. Father did not speak. Rather, Col. Pak urged everyone to devote the day to prayer, as it was expected that the Supreme Court would make its decision concerning Father's case on that very day.

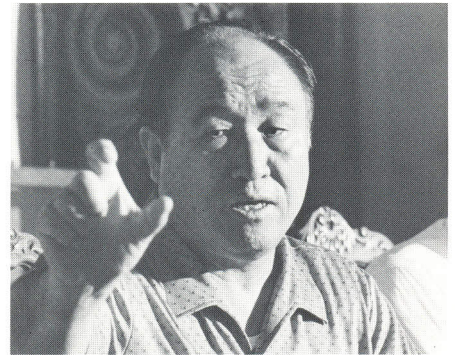
Jeung Jin Nim, the youngest child of True Parents, celebrated her second birthday [western reckoning] on May 23. Again Father did not speak. Col. Pak gave an extended report on the Association for the Unity of Latin America (AULA), which recently held its first organizational meeting in Paris. In his comments on the report, Father emphasized that the great advances now being made by CAUSA, NCCSA, IFVOC, and the like, came upon over ten years of strategic planning and hard work. Both birthday celebrations concluded with all participants offering three mighty cheers of "Mansei!"



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Instead, become champions, commanders, persons of faith!*

BECOME A SECOND REVEREND MOON

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
EXCERPTS OF THE LEADERS' CONFERENCE
AT EAST GARDEN, MAY 19, 1984

Six days after the Supreme Court's decision, Father called 270 leaders to East Garden and delivered the following amazing messages. He was truly concerned that we as members are supporting him, especially now, and that we don't get discouraged or hopeless. "On the contrary!" he said. "This is just the beginning."

The entire conference lasted from 9 o'clock in the morning until midnight, and was followed by a four-hour prayer vigil, which Father called the Il Jeung (One Heart) prayer. It will be a tradition in our movement, according to Father, "until all the satanic forces are gone from this earth."

On the next day, Father and Mother declared another holiday: the Day of the Love of God (page 11). Toward the end of the speech Father asked Mother and the True Children if they were with him all the way. They replied firmly and without hesitation: "Yes, Father." Then he asked the same thing of the members, who also responded, "Yes." The seriousness and meaningfulness of that moment could be felt to the bone.

After the speech, Father and Mother passed on their blessing to all brothers and sisters who were present (Father's prayer on page 18).

As a symbol of the presence of True Parents' spirit, Father left us the "Love of God Candles," which, once lit, bring their presence wherever the candles are (page 19).

One could feel that Father and Mother prepared us for the future, hoping that we would take on their role, no matter what.

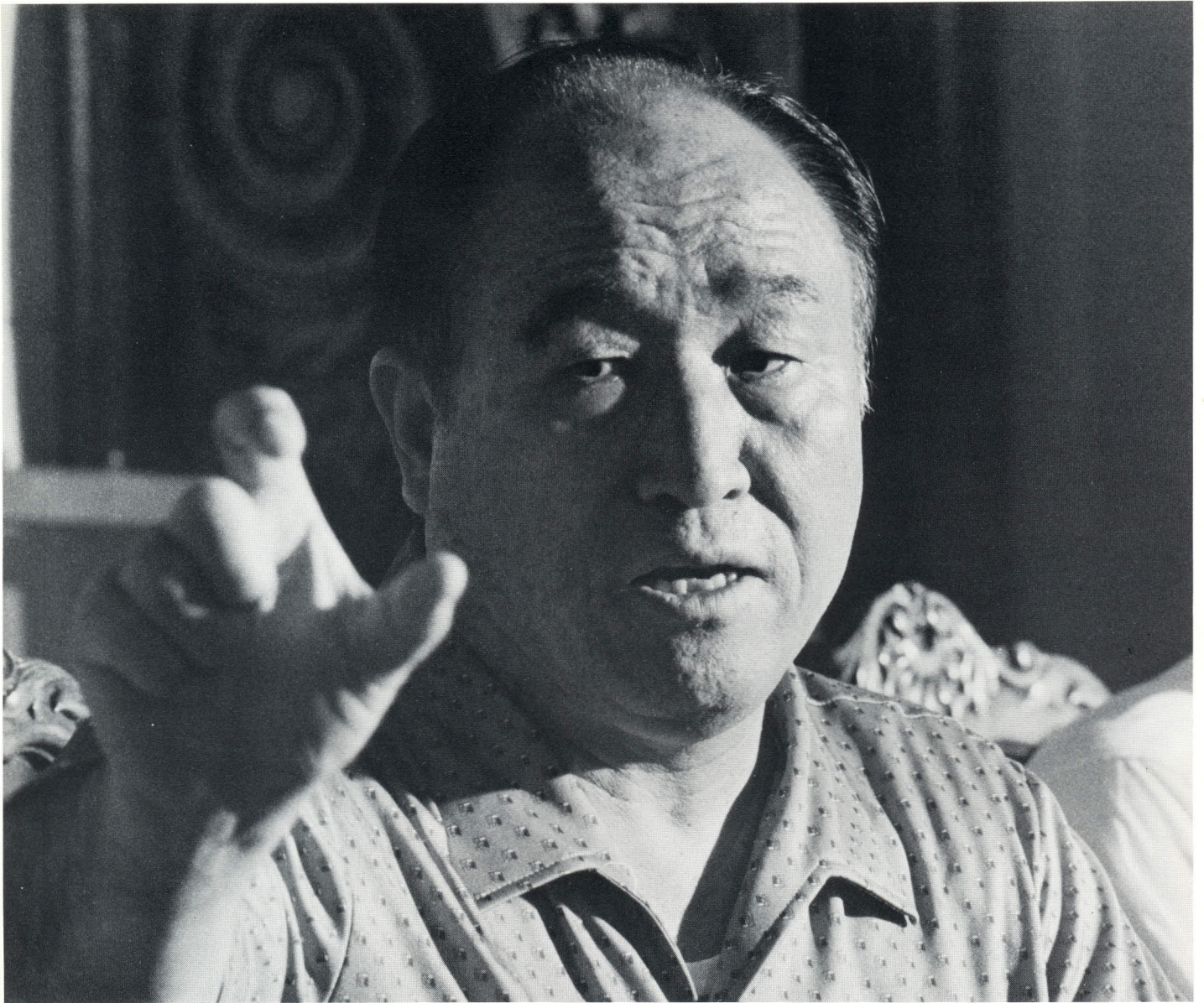
At this time of great injustice have you dedicated yourselves anew to God, True Parents and humanity? Did you pledge that in front of God in the name of our True Parents? We are doing it again now in front of True Parents...

During my entire life, do you think I had a moment like this to reaffirm before others my commitment to God and my mission? The only difference between your commitment and mine is that you can pledge it in front of the 270 leaders and True Parents; but I was all by myself. Your situation is different because you, as world leaders, can pledge your commitment together. I was always alone between heaven and earth.

Also I want you to understand that your pledge is not just your own pledge, but that there are millions of people in many countries on all six continents making the same pledge and commitment that you are now. This is true in the white community, but is even more so in the minority world. This is the first time in history and in my life that such an overwhelming unity, sympathy, compassion, support and common protest has occurred. An outburst of anger is coming from all the forces of the universe. There has never been any parallel to that. There is a momentum being created in the world of mind and spirit; a new effort on the side of the spiritual world of mind is being made, ready for explosive action.

Furthermore, all world systems have run their course and are now tired out; both the democratic world and communist worlds have no hope. The only hope they can look forward to is the Unification world.

For several hundred years, the United States presented much hope. When the Pilgrim fathers crossed the Atlantic, having separated themselves from the Old World and the old church, seeking religious freedom, and landed on this shore, they initiated a God-centered "world," the United States, which has been flourishing for two hundred years.



WHERE IS THE UNITED STATES AT?

But what has happened? What has become of the United States? A vivid example is a Virginia school teacher who taught creation science in his classroom instead of evolution theory. The mere fact that that teacher taught creation science cost him his license!

Another example is the "equal access" bill recently before Congress which would have allowed high school students to hold religious meetings in classrooms on the same basis as any other extracurricular club. But the equal access bill was defeated. Schools allow almost every other kind of organization to hold meetings: the gay movement, the communist movement, etc. That's where the United States is presently "at."

Today the United States of America has become like Great Britain and the Old World of three hundred years ago. It has become a land of oppression, particularly of the freedom of religion, oppression which your ancestors fled. The government of Great Britain was becoming tyrannical before the independence of the United States. In America, humanism and

secularism have become tyrants creating an atmosphere similar to that in which an independent continental army was formed and the War of Independence became inevitable. America has come once again to that point of oppression.

Therefore, a new mood has arisen here, a feeling that there is a need for another group of Pilgrim fathers and another true God-centered independence movement. A new national independence movement has come upon this land. A new momentum has been created.

THE SAME POSITION AS THE PILGRIM FATHERS

However, is the Christianity of today ready for that kind of revolution? Ready to be united by the Holy Spirit? No, but somebody has to do it; there is no question. And that mission is upon you. You are the ones who must ignite the new spiritual revolution, become the second Pilgrim fathers and touch off another war of independence. Therefore we are in a situation parallel to that of the Pilgrim fathers three hundred years ago. For that reason we are here to redetermine ourselves.

*I know that the mission of God will survive,
no matter what. Though I may suffer,
I welcome the suffering and am grateful for it.*

The Pilgrim fathers were ready to give up their lives for the cause. After they landed in this "New World," they fought many varieties of opposition. Being the minority, the Pilgrim fathers were terribly oppressed. However, in those times of battle and difficulty, God was always their ally. They said: **GOD IS OUR ALLY, OUR POWER; IN GOD WE TRUST.** That was their only power, so they had the courage to go on.

Also, when the Pilgrim fathers crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower, they faced a desperate 57-day ordeal. During that time their only hope was God, nothing else. The captain of the Mayflower prayed a tearful prayer at the ship's wheel, because there was no other hope but God. And after they landed, they had to face other desperate situations. Again, they trusted that God would protect them.

When their descendants declared the war in which they would have to fight the British Royal Army, the power of which was great, whereas George Washington's army, consisting of volunteers and ragtag American militia, was very weak, again they had one thing in common: the belief that "God is on our side." Every soldier who died on the front line knew that his death was not in vain, that he was dying for the great cause. Each of the soldiers had that conviction, and they stood up for God. They died for the sake of the Will of God.

Today, you are in precisely the same position as the Pilgrim fathers and the Independence Army soldiers. The difference, however, is that a Pilgrim father was all alone and by himself, but you have many powerful allies. In addition to the support of God, you already have so great a foundation horizontally.

Furthermore, we know the lessons of history, so we understand what is happening today. And we have a reality in front of us [Father], so our position is infinitely stronger than that of our predecessors. If we now can stand up and make a commitment to God in the same way as those brave persons, then we become invincible. In what way do you make your commitment? There are only two options: one is, I want to accomplish the goal, but I want to save my skin first. The other way is: I commit my life, my way of life and every ounce of energy, sweat and blood to achieve this goal. I will sacrifice for that battle.

We must realize that those Pilgrim Fathers made their pledge to God. Also the Independence Army soldiers pledged to God. We have this heritage, this tradition. Today we have the same mission, though now the worldwide Providence is in our hands. Therefore we should make the same pledge.

Now we know clearly to whom we pledge, and what kind of pledge to make. Which is your pledge: the one in which your own salvation comes first, or the one where the first thing is committing every ounce of your energy to the goal?

Remember that you made this pledge in front of God and the True Parents. That will be your source of power, your powerhouse. You can draw from it all the energy you need in your battle.

Join your hands, and look at your ten fingers. Pledge that you will not make your hand, your fingers, your body, your legs or your mind a betrayer. You will never become a betrayer to these "pledge hands." Thank you all!

I NEVER BETRAYED MY PLEDGE

Actually that's the purpose of this day of gathering. We have done it beautifully. We have achieved the purpose of this meeting already.

When I made this same pledge to God, I was only a teenager; not even my parents knew about my determination. Neither friend, nor relative knew my intention. I made the same pledge to God that you did this morning: Unto my life, and every drop of sweat and tears and blood, I shall uphold this pledge. And also I declared that through my entire life I would fight as a front line soldier and confront Satan. I pledged: As long as my life lasts, I will not betray that pledge.

After beginning my mission, I suffered a great deal. Many times I was imprisoned. However, I never betrayed my pledge. Rather, I was grateful, and always thankful. I always accepted joy and pleasure and left the consequences up to God, determined to do my absolute best according to my pledge, so that God's will would be done. That was my attitude.

I have always thought that had I been all by myself with no mission or dispensation, I could have been killed many times. Who allowed me to survive? God. God wanted my mission to go on, that's the only reason I was protected. And that's why I am infinitely grateful to God.

Today, I feel exactly the same way. I am not moving even one iota against His will. I know that the mission of God will survive, no matter what. There is always a way to achieve God's will. Though I may suffer, I welcome the suffering and am grateful for it. My position is not one of weakness, It is a front line battle all the time, a confrontation with Satan.

When Satan tried to choke me to death I said: "Go ahead. You think you can choke me to death? Impossible! Go ahead and try!" Satan marshalled all his power to try to finish this movement off and end my life, but I said: "Satan, I am just beginning! I am just starting, taking off slowly!"

Internally speaking there is an incredible unity forming around me in the minds of people. This internal victory is closely related to the meaning of this event here. Externally speaking, I have an extra layer of defense against unlawful, violent attack from outside.

The enemy has been thinking, "Rev. Moon seems to have a lot of money, so before we finish him off, why not squeeze some money from him? The best way to do this is to kidnap some of his children." However, they cannot do it, for they fear the outcry of public opinion.

Internally, the most important victory of this time is that the worldwide Unification Church will be united like a rock. Solid unity will be formed by this. For that reason, I tremble not one bit, and feel neither fear nor worry.

GOD WILL NEVER LOSE

When I initiated the movement in Korea many years ago, there was strong opposition and satanic attack. At night sometimes I felt Satan coming and physically choking me. Compared to that time, even though we suffer today, it is like heaven. Thirty years ago, I didn't have worldwide support.



Now members come from all six continents, 130 different countries to give their lives to defend me. This is like a bulletproof jacket surrounding me. With this kind of foundation, do you think that I would tremble even one bit or be concerned about my own well-being, fear U.S. prison, or be afraid to face oppression? Not at all!

I see the victorious difference of the present situation compared to the past. I feel victory in this—that no matter what, it is going to be a victory. God will never lose. For that reason, you should not fear. Instead, become champions, commanders, persons of faith!

The only thing burning in your heart must be: “I know Father’s determination, I know Father’s power, passion, enthusiasm and his commitment and absolute dedication. I want to inherit this tradition.”

Burn with passion to be a leader of the free world. Your determination today must be: “As leaders of the free world, we shall save the nation, the world, even though the providence may have to be prolonged. By next year, we will achieve this much. By the following year, we go this far. We shall achieve our goal.”

THE DAY OF HARVEST IS AT HAND!

Until now I have been declaring the road and history of indemnity. But, I tell you, that indemnity era is over! Now we are harvesting. Something will be reaped from every battle. This court battle is not just paying indemnity. No; God is claiming His victory, His truth. So the world, and the universe are like farmland in autumn. All the fruits are ripe and need to be harvested. They are waiting. The opportunity is such that people will say: “We misunderstood the Moonies. There is nothing wrong; they are great people.” Furthermore they will say: “We need them to win our battle, because they realized the threat is not just to them but to all the nations’ religions and to the very destiny of America.”

God is waiting for the harvest. Humankind is waiting for the champion of the harvest. God is trying to mobilize the champion of the harvest to send to the farm. When will He do it? Today is the day. The day of harvest is at hand!



R.M. DAVIS/N.F.P.

Father and the regional leaders choose new state leaders at the leaders conference on May 19, 1984, at East Garden.

SECOND REVEREND MOONS

Your pledge that you made today was your pledge as an individual. But now a new pledge will come forth, namely, that you will be not just an individual but a second Rev. Sun Myung Moon. You as a public person will take the role of Rev. Sun Myung Moon the second. Each one of you should feel today that you are the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Junior. That means that if Rev. Moon for some reason left for a while, that would not bother you, because there would be hundreds of thousands of "Rev. Moons." Can you make that second pledge to Heavenly Father?

I declare that this pledge is done today by 270 leaders gathered here, but it is not limited to this East Garden room. It will go on to all the Unification missions of the world, the membership in this country and abroad. This is the official position of the Unification movement.

The momentum we have created is a historical and universal event. So your way of life from tomorrow will be like this: Whenever you are facing difficulties, important decisions, or critical moments, don't even think about yourself and say, "What shall I do?" There is no such question. You'll think, "What would Father do? Since I am a second Rev. Moon, whatever he would do, I will do."

DOMINION OVER MYSELF

When I initiated this movement, I had three principled goals in my life. The first was in the form of a prayer: In order that I can have a dominion of love over the universe, please, God, give me the power for the dominion over myself. Usually when the worst moments have come, my body tried to escape, taking the easy way. Whenever I was following a path of crucifixion, my body would say: "I don't want to go there." But I always said: "No, you stay there. I have dominion over you."

I also strove for dominion over my eyes. The eyes always want to see something pleasant. But I told them: "Eyes, you are going to see reality now!" The mouth is always trying to eat good things. So I would say: "Stop, mouth! I have dominion over you now." Ears always want to hear good words, so I would say, "No, you are going to hear reality." The body always tries to feel comfortable; there is always sexual urge and sexual sensation. But I would say: "No, you've got a job to do." Therefore my position was always that unless I could control myself, dominion over the universe would be impossible.

Until I had total control over myself, I wouldn't even walk in front of a theatre or a bar. Also, I didn't want to be praised by people, because I felt that would make me arrogant. The

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worst of all to overcome was sleep. Hunger is second, and third is the sexual urge. Those three physical desires are the worst of all to overcome. But I persevered without compromise, and I attacked the problem as a way of life.

Perhaps you think I was born a saint and always had a different character, and that all these problems were not problems to me at all. But that is not true. I am a super-sensitive person. Therefore I am very sensitive to all these desires, and needed extra energy to overcome them.

I always told myself: unless I can have complete dominion over myself, I can not even think of having dominion over the world, the universe or spirit world. Adam and Eve fell simply because they lost dominion of themselves. I am sure you've heard this before but you never heard such an in-depth explanation. My hand, where does it go? My foot, where does it go? My thinking, where does it turn? I devoted every ounce of my flesh, body and emotion to the will of God, so that I would become one thousand percent the instrument of God, with nought else on my mind but how to do the will of God. That's how I disciplined myself, and I succeeded.

You are in the same position as I was some time ago. You must achieve what I have achieved in gaining dominion over myself.

When I tried to quell sexual desire, Satan was always attacking me with incredible temptations. Satan's chief base is SELF. Evil is not up in the sky, in the world or in wealth, but it is always you, and has your mind as an initial base. Unless you liquidate this situation, this initial base, it's not thinkable that you can achieve any heavenly realm. Today you made a pledge, but the application of your pledge starts from right here, yourself.

BECOME THE SECOND SELF OF GOD AND JESUS

You haven't known about the second goal of my life, because I have never spoken about it clearly. The goal was that I would become the "second self" of God and Jesus, so that everything I would do would be done not just as the Rev. Moon, but as God and Jesus would do it. "I am representing God and Jesus." This echoed in what you pledged to me earlier saying: "Yes, I am a 'second self' of Rev. Moon."

Concerning for example the result of the court case, an average person would look angrily upon the United States. But I don't look at it in that fashion. I look at it from the viewpoint of God. I ask myself, what would God say? What would Jesus say? Jesus forgave his enemies on the cross. Beyond Jesus there was God who inspired Jesus to do so. In the same way God inspires me to forgive my enemies and I don't do it reluctantly.

When Jesus forgave his enemies in his time, at every moment he realized that God and the entire spirit world were following him. Today, the situation is exactly the same: when I move, the entire spirit world and power of God follow. When I think in that fashion, inevitably God is on our side, along with



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Members cheer at the end of Father's speech.

the entire spirit world and Jesus. I am the "second self" of God and Jesus and you are my "second selves." For you this is very real: You are the "second selves" of God, Jesus, True Parents and Heung Jin. Therefore, when you have a difficulty, you should pray to God, True Parents and Heung Jin with the heart of a "second self." Then the past can be solved.

When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, he faced a very serious moment and prayed a very serious prayer. Likewise when I confront such a serious moment, I have such a serious prayer, always knowing who I am and who I represent. I'll never forget that position. Even though sometime you might get lost spiritually and not know clearly whom you represent, just have courage and plunge to the place of death, giving up your life. Then an entire horizon of the new world, the new universe, will be opened up for you. When you do that to that degree, a miracle always occurs. You know how to behave now.

Since today is such an important day and meeting, I now expose the entire secret of my life. There is nothing to fear under the sun, in heaven and earth! When you make up your mind that your life is up, there is nothing to fear. Then what will happen? Are you going to love that life? No, of course not. You are going to restore that life to an even greater position and you will be victorious. Life comes with the victory. When you give up your life, the resulting victory will become your fighter. The victory will shatter your enemy. Victory and life both will be yours.

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LOVE, WISDOM AND FAITH

My third goal and principle was to witness.

I prayed for three things for my life: the love of Jesus, the wisdom of Solomon and the faith of Paul and beyond. I wanted to have infinite trust, infinite faith to come to the point where there would be no more to believe, to even ask: "God, if there is something doubtful in your heart, give it to me, and I will believe it for you. Also if you have some worry, let me take it from you."

Heavenly Father finally brought me to a love greater than Jesus', a wisdom greater than Solomon's and a faith greater than Paul's. For that reason, any faithless person who comes to me loves me and wants to be close to me, because my heart is one of love and trust. I look at all women as God's younger sisters, at all young men as God's younger brothers. My attitude toward them is love and trust. Therefore they are bound to love me.

These are my three principled goals of life and prayer. The reason I talked to you about them is that from today you are meant to become second Rev. Moons and inherit my way of life. These goals can be realistically applied to daily life. They can be applied every minute of the day. When you deal with the day, you are challenged to love more than Jesus, to exercise wisdom every minute and to manifest your faith. When you have infinite faith and attack a problem, there is no problem. You simply say, "God, you are my subject; I am your object; I am your second self."

Now you know clearly the source of my power, from which I get such endless energy, will power, commitment and determination. These are the sources, the way of principled life, experienced in these three principles.

Those who have already made up their minds to become second Rev. Moons, inheriting his tradition of life according to principles one, two and three, say Amen! ●

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Il Jeung Prayer

True Father has asked that every member set aside one night every forty days as a prayer vigil from twelve midnight until four o'clock in the morning—alone or with others.

Also Father's desire is that we fast one full day or at least one meal during the forty day period and donate the funds from those meals to a local church center or headquarter to hold. These special funds will be collected once every seven years by International headquarters.

May 19, 1984 was declared as the beginning of the "Il Jeung" prayer vigil.

Father and Mother join the leaders in prayer at the East Garden Holy Ground during the Il Jeung prayer vigil on May 19, 1984.

*By today's declaration, the heavenly gates
are all opened up by the power of True Parents.
This power will penetrate all the way to hell in spirit world.
By the same token, it will go all the way
into the most hellish places here on earth.*

DAY OF THE LOVE OF GOD

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
EXCERPTS OF THE SUNDAY SERVICE
AT BELVEDERE, MAY 20, 1984

The meaning of the title is that heavenly love controls everything. We all know that the human fall occurred because of the misuse of love. The love of God is the center of the universe and all the creation came about as a manifestation of this love. God's urge to love brought about the creation. If no fall had occurred, the world would have been centered upon God's love and God's love would have had total dominion over all things. Since God created the world out of His love, once God's love is consummated, the purpose of the creation is consummated.

NATURE: GOD'S CLASSROOM OF LOVE FOR MAN

As you know, according to the Principle of Creation, the creation of all things was done in gradual phases, beginning with the mineral kingdom and progressing through the plant and animal kingdom and culminating in human beings. What is the essence of nature? Nature is the museum of the love of God; it is the place in which God manifested his love, and through it we can perceive the love of God. Nature is the realm of generation and regeneration. A little insect, for example, may exist for less than a year, but its eggs will hatch and the new insect will carry on. The cycle continues.

Did you hear the singing of the birds this morning on the lawn? They were singing love songs to one another. Nature is our textbook. When I heard those birds, I felt inspired to sing a love song to Mother. Everything in creation exists in pairs—the cats, the birds, the insects and so forth. Nature is our classroom of love—it is the holy temple which God created in order to teach people how to love. Everything you eat—vegetables, rice, bread, etc.—wants to become a part of your body when you have a loving attitude. They want to gain a higher place of love, but when you eat them with a selfish and

hateful mind, they revolt against going into your stomach. They don't want to be a part of anything other than love.

Just as the things of creation gladly give themselves up to become part of a loving human body, we humans also willingly die for love. The popular theories of random selection and evolution are completely off base. The truth is that the lower forms of creation willingly sacrifice themselves to the higher beings for the purpose of fulfilling higher love.

I want you to know that love is the most holy and supreme impulse. If you can lay down your life for the sake of your spouse, you are the greatest lover. Likewise, those parents who give their lives for their children have the highest love. Therefore, we must learn the lessons of love from nature. You should naturally want to go out every day and look at the sky and the birds and animals in order to perceive new lessons of love.

Your home must be one of love, not only for your family but also for the things of nature. All the creatures, including the insects, will want to become a part of your "love orchestra." You will have plants, animals, flowers and insects dwelling together in love.

Sadly, the values of American society have become so materialistic. Even when people look for potential marriage partners they often think first of how much money that person makes. In some cases an ambitious young woman will marry an old, rich man because she knows he will die within a few years and she will inherit his wealth! Or perhaps a woman will marry solely in order to claim half of a man's property when she divorces him! If a woman has that kind of thinking, she is filthy inside even though she may look gorgeous on the outside. I feel such a strong urge to reach out and clean up the kinds of things that happen in Hollywood. So many degraded and ugly things need cleaning up there.



R.M. DAVIS/N.F.P.

Brothers and sisters listening to the Day of the Love of God speech on May 20, 1984 in Belvedere.

ONLY LOVE IS GREATER THAN LIFE ITSELF

The universe welcomes those men and women who consider love the supreme value. Does anyone here think I am wrong in saying this? Love is almighty; it is greater than life itself. There are no adjectives large enough to describe love. It is absolute, unchanging, beautiful and sweet; yet none of these words encompass love. Throughout the history of literature and poetry, what is more praised—love or life? Or are power and money the focus of poetry? No, love is most praised. The reason is very simple, yet perhaps most poets don't fully understand it.

God put the most holy place [the sexual organs] of men and women in the location on the body that was safest and most protected. Particularly women's most holy places are well-protected. Therefore, when you women sit down in a careless way it is very ugly to behold. You must sit in a way that maintains the protection and dignity of your holy place.

From this fundamental point of view, the true standards of courtesy, etiquette and protocol can be derived and can endure. The permanent standard of protocol is derived from the permanent value of love. In order to change that ethic or protocol, love itself would have to be changed and no one can do that.

In the fallen world women are abused by men, who want only to gratify themselves sexually; that is far worse than the

animals. Love relationships should be done in a beautiful, even artistic way. Engaging in love should be like giving and receiving the most precious gift. Imagine if you were receiving diamond jewelry. You would relish so sweetly the unwrapping of that gift, carefully pulling off the ribbons one by one. The scotch tape and the paper would be taken off one by one. Ultimately, after the process of unwrapping, you would see that diamond.

You Unification Church members should know how to relate to the beauty of nature and how to enjoy being in creation. Even when you are all alone, you can feel the thrill of seeing a lovely flower. You can watch the fish in a bowl as they vigorously chase after each other and you can say, "They are running after love and they never tire of it." Tell yourself, "I will never get tired either because I am running after love." Salmon can teach a beautiful love lesson to humanity because they experience only one love and then they die. They give their lives to love, to hatch their eggs, and then they die. Their lives are consummated by the fulfillment of their love, and they have nothing more to live for.

Now you can understand the concept of love that I am speaking about. When you get up in the morning, why not time your walking with the rhythm of the birds singing? Birds jump around and sing and then they kiss each other. They are great teachers of love. God assigned them the mission of teaching clumsy men how to love!

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THE BEAUTY OF MARRIAGE

When a husband and wife are truly in love, having a disagreement will not hurt anything; in fact it will increase their loving feelings later. After they clash with each other, they will embrace that much more strongly. Do you couples experience these kinds of things?

So now you understand that your most holy place belongs to your spouse, not yourself. You were not born for your own sake but for the sake of others. As long as your terminology is "we" and "us" the universe supports you, but as soon as you think in terms of "I" and "me" the universe will turn against you. Eventually you would be expelled from the universe.

This is the beauty of marriage—it pushes people to think always of themselves in terms of another. Likewise, living in a family requires us to think in terms of "we"—the children think of their parents, the parents think of their children, each child thinks of the other brothers and sisters. But often this is not the case in American homes; for this reason many American families are heading toward destruction. But what about the Unification Church? Are we heading upward or downward? We are rising.

A day such as this—the Day of the Love of God—has never before been declared. People simply have not imagined that the love of God was supposed to have dominion over all creation. If you could choose between reading a difficult and complicated philosophy book or a poem about love, which would you prefer? Quite simply, people enjoy the sweetness of love over everything else.

The message I am giving to you today is not only for this particular Sunday but is of universal importance. It is the foundation for all understanding and that is why I have spoken so clearly about it today.

I want you to understand that the human fall wrought total destruction upon God's dream of love and degraded the most holy experiences into the most shameful experiences. Original love was supposed to be man's ticket into heaven; but on the contrary man purchased his ticket to hell through illicit love.

The fall of humankind perverted that ticket to Heaven into a ticket to Hell. We must cleanse the love of the world and stop the multiplication of the consequences of the fall.

Due to the fall, human beings must stand in shame before the lowest forms of creation. The supreme creation of God was degraded to a point far below that of the animals, plants and minerals. However, Americans and people in general today think that they can continue to pursue a degraded form of love and enjoy greater and greater prosperity, but that is not the case. From God's point of view, the way of life in secular America today deserves a judgment worse than fire and brimstone. Furthermore, the consequences of America's actions pervade the rest of the world. Thus the degradation of morality has spread worldwide.

America must kneel down before the rest of the world and repent in shame for fostering immoral values. Everywhere men and women have been exploited by the promotion of this

immorality. I came to America to ignite a moral revolution and stop this nation from falling into destruction. People proudly point to all kinds of laws and there are many different levels of courts, but what are these courts accomplishing when the nation is pervaded with corruption? I came here as an emissary from God, to turn this nation around in the right direction. But instead of receiving God's messenger, the power of this nation was turned toward prosecuting him. For this, I am sorry to say it, but I know this country will be punished. Even now I am praying to God to withhold his judgment and give us a little more time to turn this nation around to repentance.

I am not, and never have been, the enemy of the American people. I do not believe that American people of conscience will be judged by this court decision. It was the U.S. government that took the enemy position to me. I have great hope that the people will rally to oppose the government's actions against me. The particular government which persecuted me will not remain forever, but the ideal and the teaching I have brought to America will stay and prosper, eventually to create a righteous government here.

KOREA

If Korean Christianity had united with me in 1945, I would not have had to go through all these legal battles. The end of World War II was a unique time in human history. Korea was closely allied with the United States and the leadership of Korea was Christian. If Christianity had united with me then, the entire nation could have been united. This was the first and only time such an opportunity arose in history. It was the opportunity for Christianity to redeem the world.

The Messiah should have appeared once Christianity was ready to take dominion over the world; that was the ideal time for the Second Advent. That special time was the point toward which God had been working throughout the two thousand years of Christian history; such an opportunity has never arisen before or since. God knew the value of this opportunity; thus, He wanted the United States, centered upon Christianity, to take the worldwide position of a twentieth century empire like the Roman Empire. Through this nation, the world could become Christian and that is why the United States had the position it did.

At that dispensational time, I was in Jesus' position; established Christianity was in Judaism's position; and the United States was in the position of the Roman Empire. The Korean nation was in the position of Israel. All these elements comprised God's side. That was the historical parallel. Once Korean Christians recognized the Messiah and united with him, all these steps could have been fulfilled within seven years. Before I reached the age of 40, the entire worldwide dispensation would have been fulfilled.

The True Mother would have come out of the Christian realm. Perhaps she would have been a British woman. It could be. Why not? Once the worldwide foundation had been accomplished, I would have picked the True Mother on the world

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level. Imagine if the royal princess of England had become the True Mother. I am only interested in one thing: how to restore the world.

It is because our movement was rejected by Korean Christianity that our boundaries became so limited. If we had been supported, the Korean movement would have immediately become insignificant because the movement would have become worldwide and universal, with no boundaries. Let's say that the True Mother had come from Great Britain, the source of English-speaking culture. The United States is in the position of child to Great Britain. It would have been very rapid and easy for America to humble itself to Britain.

With such circumstances, God's providence would have progressed very rapidly. The Messiah would have had dominion over the world. Even in the face of total opposition, I was able to create a worldwide foundation. Imagine how much I could have accomplished in seven years if I had been given the proper welcome. Do you think I am capable of that? Communism would have been stopped at that time; it certainly would not have come as far as it has.

However, all these were destroyed when established Christianity opposed me. That is why communism was able to grow rampantly and conquer over two-thirds of the world at this time. If I had been supported and accepted by Christianity, what leading powers of the world would have opposed me? This Christian nation of America would not have opposed me; Judaism would not have opposed me; neither would Christianity or the free world.

The United Nations was created in ignorance of what should be the guiding principles. The United States should have taken the governing position of righteousness over the United Nations; however, they gave up their world leadership.

I am sure that some agencies of the U.S. government must be interested in knowing what Reverend Moon's first message is, after the Supreme Court's rejection of our suit. I am happy to let the CIA or the FBI or anyone else get recordings of the things I am saying about the United States. This nation and world can never be ruled properly by Ronald Reagan and the Republican Party or the Democratic Party, or any party. Only through the guidance and inspiration of God's principles can anyone give proper leadership to this world. Reverend Moon, inspired by God, has a plan by which he could inspire the leadership of this nation. If they would follow these directions for seven years, I know this nation could be completely cleaned up.

IT IS TIME FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANITY

Even under continuing opposition and persecution, I have continued to love this nation. We held a special day-long organizational meeting yesterday at East Garden to fulfill God's wishes at this time. I want to create an organization in this country that truly represents God's forces, greater than the Republican, Democratic, or Communist parties. We need an organization that God can rely on.

This sort of organization was supposed to have been inaugurated 42 years ago, at the time of Christianity's great opportunity. However, I had to begin from the very bottom to erect a new foundation through the Unification movement around the world. Now, we are announcing the inauguration of this organization. It is time for the unity of Christianity. At last the unification of Christianity is happening.

I was in Korea at the time of my indictment. The U.S. government was hoping that I would not return; they were shocked to see me walk into the courtroom and proclaim, "I am not guilty." Why did I return to America? I cannot abandon my mission to unite Christianity with the Unification movement.

Jesus Christ was not supported by his own disciples; he was rejected by Judaism and the chosen nation; he was crucified by the Roman Empire. Thus I am in the position to restore these failures of two thousand years ago. I wanted to go through the court battle, which is the modern day crucifixion launched by the U.S. government. None of my disciples have fled; Christianity has united in support of me, rather than cursing me; eventually the public opinion of this twentieth century Roman Empire will come to support me. By going through this, I am restoring all those historical failures.

After all this time, the New York Times has finally spoken the truth about me! As they put it, the U.S. government has won the battle but has lost the war. Public opinion is coming to the side of Reverend Moon. More importantly, the Christianity of the United States is rallying to my side. All these these things have happened through the court battle.

When Jesus was crucified, he received no support from his disciples, or Judaism, or the chosen nation, or the Roman Empire. But when the U.S. government crucified me, it was different. The Unification Church became united and solid as a rock. Christianity turned around and supported me. Korea, in the position of the chosen nation, has been swept with indignation and many people have united with me. For this reason, at the end of April we achieved our goal of seven million people in IFVOC.

Japan is reaching 7.5 million membership in IFVOC. Ultimately the United States, which links Korea and Japan, will have forty million members of IFVOC and CAUSA will have seventy million people worldwide. American public opinion will see me as a hero.

The purpose of this organization is not political; its purpose is for the salvation of the United States and the free world. Those seventy million people will be united, not for any political purpose, but as God's force to stop the spread of worldwide communism and bring about a new, moral world.

According to the law of indemnity, I have indemnified the persecution of Jesus which occurred on the national level; I came to restore on the worldwide level what Jesus was not able to do two thousand years ago. Because of this achievement, this is an historical moment upon which God and True Parents have declared the Day of the Love of God.

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WHAT MATTERS IS HISTORICAL AND PUBLIC OPINION

The final stage was supposed to have taken only seven years, but because of the rejection of Christianity it took 21 years. During that time, I moved onto the worldwide level. Today it doesn't matter what any U.S. court, including the Supreme Court, declares. What matters is what history and public opinion say. This is the ultimate court in which I shall be vindicated. Thus the fact that people around the world have rallied to my support is the real victory.

Most saints and religious leaders have never been able to walk the path I am walking while they were alive; only after their deaths did they make their greatest achievements. But now I am going over this ultimate hill, still alive and strong. This is a tremendous victory in itself. I want you to understand that the True Parents could not install themselves on the perfection level. Because the human fall occurred during the perfection level of the growth stage, the True Parents appeared there as well. From there we have waged the worldwide battle.

Due to the rejection of Christianity, the seven years had to be prolonged to 21 years. But if the Christians had accepted me right after World War II, my mission would have been accomplished in seven years. During the 21-year period, I indemnified two thousand years of Christian history, as well as the two hundred years of American history. This is why I held an important rally during the bicentennial year in America; that was our showdown on the worldwide level.

I love America and my heart is not for revenge. I am still looking forward to this nation's salvation. My duty is always to love Cain.

일 정 IL JEUNG— ONE HEART PRAYER SESSION

I am saying to God, "Please postpone your wrath and punishment upon the United States and let me take responsibility for their wrongdoing. Even if I go to jail, I want to be responsible for their wrongdoing, I want to be responsible once I am free." At the moment I learned of the Supreme Court's decision I prayed to God to hold back His judgment. I immediately declared to God that I would have no sorrow for myself but for the nation and the world. I asked Mother and the children to be totally united and have a special prayer and pledge. Furthermore the older Blessed couples and leaders of the movement pledged themselves to be totally united with the True Parents and True Children. Yesterday I held a meeting of the worldwide leadership, lasting all day and night. We created a special organization as well as a chain prayer session called *Il Jeung*. *Il* means one and *Jeung* means heart—the one heart prayer session. It started all night last night at the East Garden holy ground. The focus of the *Il Jeung* is this: that we shall take responsibility and repent for the wrongdoings of America and the free world, ultimately to bring salvation to them.

If we do not do this, there is no way that God's goal after World War II would be fulfilled, even at this late hour. The era

of just paying indemnity is over; everything we accomplish from now on becomes a plus. We can build our tower of victory. Whatever we do will give God more power and dominion over the world. Centering upon the spirit of the love of God, all these things will come about; not upon a spirit of vengeance. We can post this sign: "The Love of God Will Govern," because, after all, we are entering into the direct dominion of God.

We can do this only because the True Parents are at the center. By the fall of Adam and Eve everything was lost to the satanic world. Thus the wrong and bad parent took over the world. But now the True Parents have brought the original love of God, with which they are wiping up and cleaning out all illicit and filthy things of the fallen world. This new era is beginning with the court battle, which is my time of crucifixion.

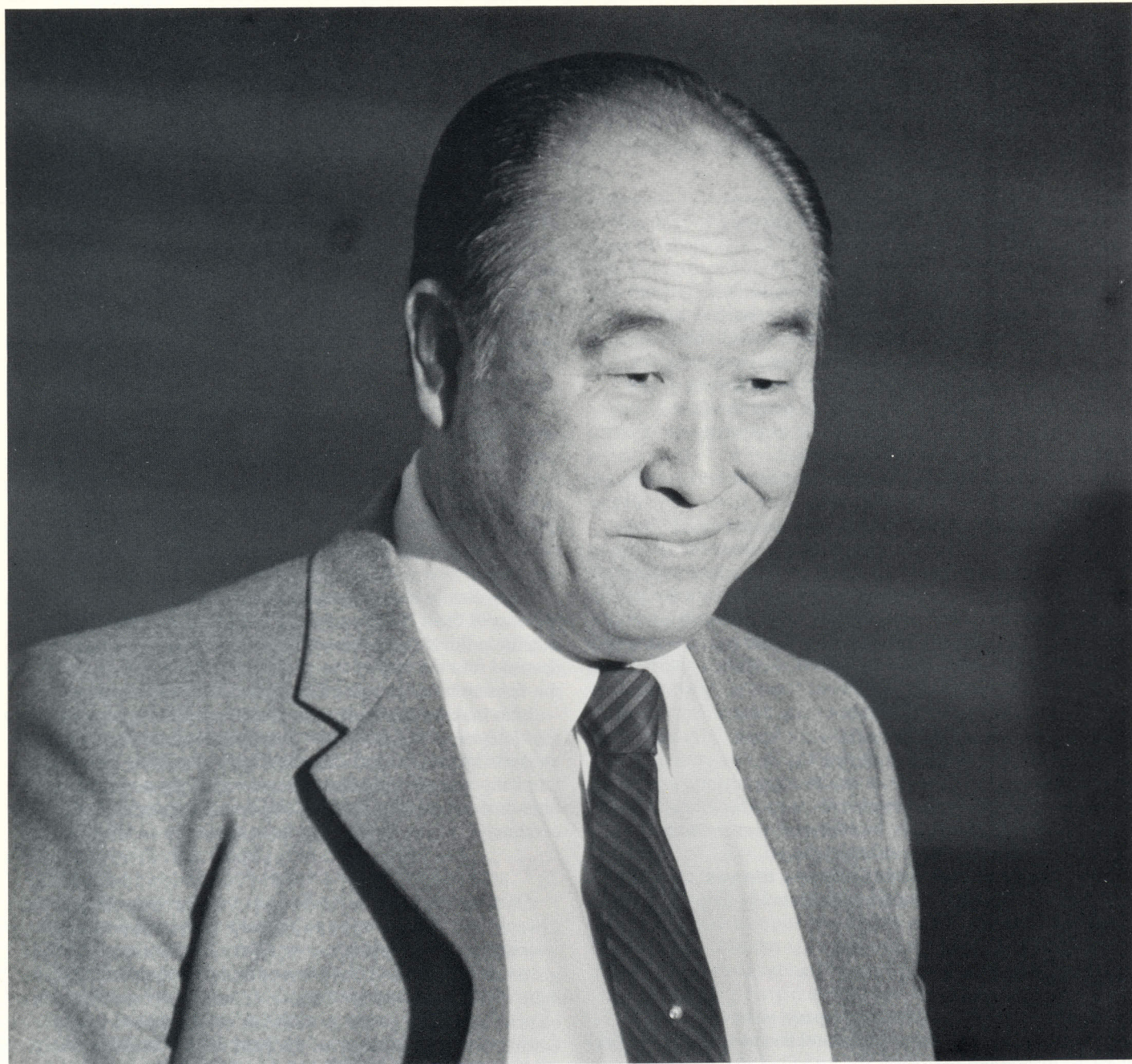
Immediately after his crucifixion, Jesus descended into Hell and stayed there for three days. He restored his power of dominion through the love of God. By the same token, I must descend into the hell of this earthly world in order to establish the dominion of the love of God here. Then I will resurrect.

I am making the declaration that Jesus was in the parental role in spirit world; now True Parents are on earth, centering on the original love and claiming God's dominion over all humanity and all things by overcoming all the power of Hell, both on earth and in spirit world. This is the declaration ceremony.

DAY OF THE LOVE OF GOD

On May 16, 1984, at 12:54 a.m. I declared the Day of the Love of God. This is the turning point upon which original love will begin to govern the world which has always been governed by satanic love. I have already set the condition, so there is no possibility for Satan to invade or accuse this victory; he has no power to infiltrate my conditions in any way. Before this turning point, all the hard work you did was to pay off historical debts. But from today forward, every drop of sweat and blood and all your hard work will add to our tower of victory.

Until now, God's side did not have such a position in the world and Satan could always take everything away from God. But now God will take everything from the satanic position into the heavenly position, with no strings attached. I will never return to Korea or anywhere until we have achieved unification—first of all, internal unity of the Unification Church movement; and the external unity of the Unification Church and the Christian world. Until I accomplished this foundation, I did not feel I had accomplished my mission. But now I see that the Unification movement has become solidly united, centering upon the True Parents. Furthermore, the Christian community has united solidly with me. For this reason I now feel free to go anywhere and work any place else. I do not look at the American people as my enemies; I see them as restored and original people. When I look at them in that way, the more opposition they give us, the greater victory



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it becomes for Heaven.

The government is the servant of the U.S. people and American public opinion is supporting me at this time. Therefore America is not lost, and I look at it with the eyes of true, original love. It is only a matter of time in which America will surrender to justice and the truth about me; the free world as well. Even those who have been my archenemies will turn around and say, "Reverend Moon, we misunderstood you but you are a living and loving saint, special throughout human history." Once that condition has been established, the entire world can be educated within forty days. This is the satellite age, after all.

For this reason, we must not delay even one more minute. If you delay, you will create the opportunity for Satan to invade and weaken you, so you must march forward right now! In order to accomplish our goal, we must accomplish the goal of forty million. Remember what the Christians of the first

century had to endure. They were forced to hide within the Roman Empire in the catacombs; they were captured and fed to the lions in the Coliseum. When we think of those glorious martyrs, we know that no matter how hard our work becomes it never approaches their level of sacrifice. There is no way we can excuse ourselves.

ARE YOU READY?

In order to prevent satanic infiltration within our movement from now on, I will ask you several questions that I want you to answer from your heart. Are you ready?

The first question I direct to True Mother: Are you ready, unto your life, to give your total love, loyalty and dedication to the ideal of God and True Parents, so that we shall achieve this goal at any cost and at any sacrifice?

Mother said, "Yes, Father."

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This is a day of liberation for the True Parents.
The responsibility is now upon your shoulders.*

Now, because of Mother's clear and loyal answer, Satan has no way to infiltrate this holy family, even if Mother makes a mistake.

The next question I am asking to the four Blessed children here, led by Hyo Jin, the eldest son. I ask them if, from now on, they are totally united with the concept and ideal of the True Parents. Are they willing to faithfully execute their duties as True Children and to accomplish, unto their lives, the goals of Heavenly Father and True Parents?

Hyo Jin answered clearly, "Yes, Father."

So from now on, even if you make a mistake and do the wrong thing it will not affect the destiny or mission of the Unification Church. This pledge was made upon love.

Now I ask all the Blessed couples, headed by the 36 couples, this question: Do you pledge to unite totally with the True Parents and the True Children? Will you fulfill the goals of the True Parents even unto your lives, fighting as gallant soldiers of heaven? Will you bring the victory, on the foundation of the original love of God?

The congregation answered, "Yes, Father."

So far all your mistakes and wrongdoings have been paid for by the True Parents, but after your pledge this is no longer the case. From this time on, you will be taking responsibility for your own mistakes. In other words, no matter what mistakes you make, they will not become a hindrance to the True Parents' dispensation in the world. Your pledge was that you would not be a burden to the True Parents or the Unification Church, but that you will become their champion.

The Day of the Love of God was never an established fact before, so all your misdemeanors were suffered by the True Parents. But from this day forward, things are different. All the things that members did wrong in the past always came back to me and people accused me. But that will not be happening any more. The time has come for you to be the responsible ones. This is a day of liberation for the True Parents. The responsibility is now upon your shoulders, not mine.

Today we have gathered together the Unification Church leaders from all around the world, including more than 120 countries. Upon this occasion, will you pledge your life for the fulfillment of the dispensation of God? If so, please raise your hands and say, "Yes, Father." Thank you, Amen. By making that pledge, you gave liberation to me and Mother.

THE LOVE OF GOD PREVAILS

At this hour I declare what I have already declared in prayer: that there shall be no more fear of death. That fear shall be overcome by the power of God's love. When Heung Jin passed away, I overcame the sorrow that people normally feel when a beloved son dies. By the power of God's love I proclaimed January 3 the Day of the Victory of Love. On that day, I declared our total liberation from the fear of death. Likewise I am saying today that the love of God has overcome any fear of imprisonment. That is why I proclaimed today as

the Day of the Love of God—only the love of God prevails and shall have dominion over the world. The turning point has been reached. We shall see the rejuvenation of joy in the Unification Church. Within Christianity, God is providing us with this great momentum.

I have already said this at East Garden so I would like to say it officially today. Let this declaration go out to the world from the True Parents. From now on, from a hundred battles we will win a hundred victories and nothing less. Every move we make will bring us the victory. The indemnity era is over. We are beginning to build our tower of victory. Today is the day of declaration of this significant message, along with the Day of the Love of God.

This declaration is not only a horizontal one. It has been made in the eyes of God and the spirit world as well. The entire universe—heaven and earth—are listening to this declaration. We have our slogan for the year—Creation of the Fatherland—and this is our goal here on the physical earth, centered upon the original love of God.

Everyone please stand up. Make up pairs by holding onto one person's hand. Raise your free hand above your head. We are going to pray and you will receive a blessing from God and True Parents. You are standing in pairs because you can only be blessed in the sight of God when you have created a pair. You must create a circuit by which to receive the blessing from God through True Parents, that is what you are doing symbolically now.

A good day will come because you have made a good turning point. In the meantime, let us really work hard and sweat to hasten that good day. Everything will be harvested into Heaven. So far, all that good work went to pay indemnity but from now on, everything will be incorporated into our tower. Now you know the term *Il Jeung*. This is the Day of the Love of God. January 3, 1984 was the Day of Victory of Love. Today, I was finally able to declare the Day of the Love of God itself.

By the *Seung hwa* of Heung Jin—his elevation and ascension—a new gate was opened in spirit world. Now spirit persons can be united to work actively with the earthly realm. By today's declaration, the heavenly gates are all opened up by the power of True Parents. This power will penetrate all the way to hell in spirit world; by the same token, it will go all the way into the most hellish places here on earth, including prisons.

When Jesus was crucified, he went into Hell for three days and opened the gates there. By the same token, by today's declaration I am opening up the door of the earthly hell for three days. Everything shall be indemnified and this will bring the new turning point.

There is just one thing I would like you to know—through the crucifixion of Jesus, everything was lost. But by this declaration of the Love of God and the victory of the True Parents, everything is restored. ●



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Father and Mother passing on their blessing to all brothers and sisters in Belvedere, toward the end of the Sunday service, on May 20, 1984.

FATHER'S PRAYERS

May 20, 1984
Sunday Speech

Loving Father,

Today is May 20, 1984, but actually it is to be considered one with May 16, when, at 12:54 a.m., I declared the Day of the Love of God. Through the unity on the family level expressed then at East Garden, today can be connected with that day of historical declaration.

Heavenly Father, please come and dwell amongst us now.

Because of the unity between True Parents on earth and Heavenly Father, Heung Jin, and Jesus in the spirit world, all 120 nations in the spirit world and all 120 nations on earth now have the right to resurrection.

Due to satanic love, we lost the sovereignty of God. But now, at this historical peak of Tang Gam, centering on the love of True Parents and the love of God, we restore this lost historical heritage and are able to declare the Day of the Love of God.

Oh God! Oh earth! I proclaim that we stand united in the Shimjung territory, with one mind and one ideal.

May God, True Parents, True Children, and all Blessed Families be united centered on the sovereignty of God's love. Let us form one heritage and march forward together.

May this day be one of great dignity. Please accept this declaration, in which I proclaim the Day of the Love of God in the name of God and True Parents.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

May 20, 1984
Candle Ceremony

Loving Heavenly Father,

I declare that today is the Day of God's Love. This is a sign of victory, that this candle will never be extinguished. May this light reflect everywhere the love of True Parents and the love of God.

Wherever this candle burns may the family be united, and may that family have peace, connecting with the sovereignty of Your love through this light.

This candle will be able to prevent the power of darkness, to prevent all that is improper, and to protect from the shadow of discord whoever holds this light; please, allow this candle to become a candle of the victory of holiness.

Also whoever loves this candle, wherever the special prayer is given, may they be united with True Parents, with the world of spirit and the world of body, under the governance of Your love.

I initiate the Ae Chun Candle in order to connect the everlasting future history with Your glory. Therefore until the Kingdom of Heaven is established I bless them [all those who hold these candles] in order that they may succeed.

I declare all this in the name of the True Parents.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

(Translated by Mr. Jin Soo Kyung)

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AE CHUN CHO

LOVE OF GOD CANDLES

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, May 20, 1984

I have brought the light from the prayer candles which were lit at East Garden when I made the declaration on May 16. Only those who have been blessed may receive these candles. Those who are not yet blessed will receive theirs once they are blessed. This candlelight will be a symbol to ward off all satanic infiltration. So whenever you have an emergency in your family affairs or your church affairs, you can light your candle and pray in front of it. It will give you a spiritual shield to protect you from Satan's infiltration.

There are two most important things to remember. Wherever the light from these candles goes, you can know that God and the True Parents are with you. Since I started this tradition with Mother, whenever you share this light you will be sharing the tradition of the True Parents. This light is a symbol of the presence of the original love of God. Furthermore, if there is discord between husband and wife, you are not entitled to light these candles. They should not be exposed to a shameful situation; they should be respected, like a holy tabernacle. Nothing disgraceful within your family should come before them.

Also the candle symbolizes the true spirit of love. The light is on top and the wax is self-consuming; it gives itself up to the light. Thus it is representative of sacrificial love. The light itself comes not only from the wick but from the harmony of the wick and the wax; both are needed. This symbolism is very important. Likewise the husband and wife are in the same

position. You must give yourself up for the sake of true love.

This light will be extended to all the Blessed couples, not only the leaders. You can pass it to every couple around the world. There are two candles, representing Father and Mother. Each family should have two candles. The name of the candle is *Ae Chun Cho*—the candle of the control of Heavenly Love.

You should have a special mechanical lighter with which you light the candles each time. I would prefer that you light that lighter with the original fire from the candles. We can expand this throughout the world. The light from one candle can be given to another and so on. Thereafter, each time your special lighter runs out, you should go back to an original light to connect a new lighter.

I will now pray. Afterwards we will light the candles.

(Here Father prays.)

The candle on the right is Father's candle and the one on the left is Mother's. As you go by, light them separately but put their lights together once before you move on. Every time you have your *Ae Chun Cho* prayer, always put the candles together again. This shows the complete unity of husband and wife. That is why I directed that you have no right to light these candles unless you are united; your prayer would have no meaning in that case. If anyone violates the law of the Blessed couples, they should return the candles, because that family would have no right to continue to own them and expand it to others. ●

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak
Excerpts from Morning Service at the
World Mission Center

Recently Father proclaimed the Day of the Love of God. Father and Mother have determined to overcome any difficult environment with true love. There is no difficulty that cannot be overcome with True Parents' love. Father and Mother wanted to pass on to us their determination, and so they created the *Ae Chun Cho* (Love of God Candles or *Ae Chun Candles*).

The Day of the Love of God was first proclaimed by Father and Mother to their own family at East Garden on May 16. The day was first officially proclaimed to the membership at the Belvedere Sunday service on May 20.

Father and Mother each carried a burning candle from East Garden to Belvedere. Following the sermon, they passed on the flame from their candles to those brought by the Blessed members present.

How to Use the Candles

The *Ae Chun Candles* are different from other traditional candles we have used, such as the *Shimjung* and Birth Dedication Candles. The *Ae Chun Candles* are a memorial gift from the True Parents commemorating the victory of the love of God, of the love dominion. Because of the victory of the love won by True Parents, Satan can never again accuse internally. On May 20, when Father asked Mother, the True Children, and the members to pledge to follow God's way, the strong affirmative response and pledge also created a very important condition with regard to these candles.

Ae Chun Candles are to be used during prayer, but they are *only* for Blessed couples. They may be used *only* when husband and wife are in harmony with each other, as Father said. Therefore, these candles are used on the family level, but the purpose of the prayer during which they are burned must be

regarding the national, world, and cosmic levels. The *Ae Chun Candles* may be used by Blessed couples during their prayers every day; they do not have to be reserved for times of crisis only. Also, it is important to note that this tradition is linked with that of the *Il Jeung* prayer vigil; Father bequeathed both traditions to us at the same time.

How to Receive or Inherit the Candles

All Blessed couples in our movement should obtain a pair of *Ae Chun Candles*. One candle is called the Father candle; the other is the Mother candle. Father asked that these candles be approximately three inches in diameter and from eight to twelve inches high, so they are quite larger than either the *Shimjung* or Birth Dedication Candles.

White is the best color for these candles. Also, Father asked members to use a refillable lighter for these candles rather than matches, one that would last a lifetime. *continued on p. 38*



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True Parents with the older children and their spouses. Front from left to right: In Jin Nim, Ye Jin Nim, Un Jin Nim, Hoon Sook Nim, Nan Sook Nim. Back from left to right: Kook Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, Father and Mother, Hyun Jin Nim and Jin Whi Nim.



Ken Owens

Father and Mother praying over the Ae Chun candles in Belvedere.



Father and Mother, Kook Jin Nim (left), Hyun Jin Nim (middle), and Hyo Jin Nim (right) watching the multiplication of the Love of God candles.

Update On the Court Case

Susan Henry

On Monday, May 14, 1984, the United States Supreme Court announced its decision to deny certiorari in Father's case. It is important to understand that the Court did *not* decide that Father's conviction was correct; it merely decided not to hear the case. The Court rarely gives any reasons for its decisions, whether they grant certiorari or deny it. We have no way of knowing the basis on which the Court denied certiorari, nor do we know who may have voted in our favor. The Supreme Court's denial does not mean at all that the judges believe that Father is guilty. In fact, because of its heavy workload, last term the Court accepted only 179 of the 5079 petitions it received (less than 3.5%).

It is just about impossible to imagine the incredible indemnity which we might expect to befall this nation or the difficulties which our worldwide movement will be facing as a result of the Supreme Court's refusal to consider our case. But Father's attitude is, as always, exemplary. His thought goes only to how we can serve this nation and its people more. His prayer with the True Family upon learning of the Supreme Court's decision was that God hold back His wrath against this nation, and give us more time to bring its salvation.

Father's legal counselors will actively pursue every legal remedy available, bearing in mind Father's standard that even out of the most difficult situation,

we can bring victory. On or before July 11, Father's attorneys will submit motion papers asking the court not to send Father to prison. Even though the Supreme Court's refusal to take the case leaves us with a very sobering reality, this is not a time to be discouraged. There is no doubt that God has accomplished His portion of responsibility, and if we as a family do our very best to complement it with our portion, we can be assured that God's providence will be realized. There *is* still hope for Father's ultimate vindication, so please continue to focus on and support Father's case with your prayers. ●

Father's Response to the Supreme Court's Decision

Testimony by Dr. Mose Durst

At East Garden on Monday morning, May 14, I was waiting for the telephone call about the decision. At 10:10 the phone rang, and although everyone had been so hopeful—from the amicus groups that had supported us in the media, to our own family—it was stunning to receive the news that in one word, the Supreme Court did not want to deal with that case.

I then went into the dining room where Father, his family, and some of the elders of our church were waiting. I fell to my knees and repented before him and had to tell him that, I was sorry, the Court had denied the request to be heard. Father immediately stood up and asked first the four Blessed couples [among the True Children and their spouses] to stand and he prayed.

In his prayer he gave thanks to God, thanks that he could have this mission, and he gave assurance to God that he would be unshakable in seeking to fulfill his mission.

If there was ever a time that I have been moved by the existence of faith in the world and in the existence of God, it was at that moment. Only once before was I ever moved like that and that was

at the time of the death of Heung Jin Nim.

I had come to East Garden on that morning at six o'clock and I did not know that Heung Jin Nim had died the previous night around 2:00 a.m. One of the sisters at East Garden told me that Heung Jin Nim had passed away. I was the only one there when Father came downstairs. The first words I said to Father were: "I am sorry," and immediately he said: "Nothing to be sorry about, he went to a good place." Then Mother came down and I felt I should excuse myself, because I thought it would be a moment which they wanted to share together and certainly there was no need for me, but they both insisted: "What are you talking about? Sit down and have breakfast, let's go on with what has to be done..." That's exactly what happened in a similar way after the prayer of thanksgiving, that Father gave on Monday following the announcement of the Supreme Court decision. Immediately he thought of how we could take this suffering and bring forth goodness out of it. The essential theme of Father's prayer was not only gratitude, but the desire to do God's will at any cost.

The other day, as I left East Garden, Father said to me, after I told him again and again that I was sorry, he said to me with a smile: "It's good to go to a humble place." That's the kind of attitude Father had in terms of doing God's will no matter what.

Father demonstrates such an extraordinary example of what faith is in such a faithless world. Not only can a human being have such a divine nature, but divinity itself can exist in such a human being. I wish the world could know the reality of True Parents!

Father has emphasized to us that although we are hurt and although we may suffer we must respond with even greater love, greater zeal, greater faith, greater desire to do God's will. He doesn't want us to be paralyzed in guilt. He wants us to repent for whatever sins we performed, shortcomings we may have, etc. But once we have sincerely repented, he wants us more deeply and genuinely than ever to go this course and to accomplish God's will. Father doesn't come as a man of failure, but as a man who seeks to bring victory on every level. ●

RALLIES FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

WASHINGTON D.C.

May 30, 1984

Susan Fegley Osmond

Over 300 clergy and approximately 200 laymen, including civil liberties leaders and political figures, gathered in Washington, D.C., on May 30 to denounce the threat to religious liberties posed by Rev. Moon's conviction and the recent refusal by the Supreme Court to hear his appeal.

"I don't believe, in the history of America, that we have ever had such a religiously diverse group as we have in this room today," commented Rev.

Timothy LaHaye of San Diego, California, one of the main organizers of the event. More than 60 religious denominations and a great diversity of political opinions were represented at the rally, held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the foot of the Capitol.

The purpose of the rally was to bring forth a united voice of concern over the infringements of religious liberties in America. The event was organized by the co-chairmen of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Freedom, Dr. Timothy LaHaye, president of Family Life Seminars and chairman of the Moral Majority of California, and Dr. Joseph Lowery, chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)—who themselves represent opposite ends of the religious and political spectrum.

"The government's persecution of Rev. Moon is one of the most flagrant abuses of the First Amendment that I have ever seen," declared Rev. **Bob Grant**, chairman of the evangelistic lobbying group Christian Voice, and a leader of Christians for Reagan in 1980.

Now, the federal government has set a precedent whereby it can dictate how a church should be organized, and how it should administer its internal financial affairs. Now any controversial pastor—including most of us who are here on this platform—or any unpopular church can be subjected to arbitrary persecution by a biased government and a jury. Who will be next?

Jeremiah Gutman, president of the New York Civil Liberties Union, listed

numerous governmental intrusions into religious affairs. He cited Father's conviction and the jailing of Rev. Sileven in Nebraska for running an uncertified Christian school. Gutman moreover claimed, "There is a policy in this country, it's a written policy by the Justice Department and the FBI, never to prosecute a deprogramming ordered by a parents of an adult church member." He also bemoaned the social security tax recently imposed upon all religious organizations and their employees.

Abuse of Power"; **Rabbi David Ben Ami**, chairman of the American Forum of Jewish—Christian Cooperation; **Rev. Greg Dixon**, president of the American Coalition of Unregistered Churches; and **Dr. Richard Rubenstein**, Lawton Distinguished Professor of Religion at Florida State University. (For excerpts from the speeches of Professor Rubenstein, Rev. Timothy LaHaye and Rev. Lowery see following pages).

At the conclusion of the rally, which observers commented was charged



Washington D.C., May 30, 1984. Priests, ministers and lay leaders stand up at the Capitol Hill Hyatt Hotel and pledge to stay in prison for one week with Rev. Moon.

Rev. Mamie Williams, a United Methodist minister in Baltimore who regularly supports liberal causes, summed up the purpose of the meeting:

Unless we speak out on this issue, and on other issues, we will perish. For we [Americans] have been blessed more than any other people in the world, and it is because of this that we are to be examples for the world. Rev. Moon, at this time in our history, is indeed a martyr on behalf of all of us. Our time under God is now, and as we walk together on this issue, I pray God that we walk together on others as well.

Other speakers included Congressman **George Hansen**, author of "To Harass Our People: The IRS and Government

throughout with electric energy and enthusiasm, Rev. LaHaye asked all in the audience who would volunteer to spend a week in jail with Rev. Moon to stand up. Without hesitation, almost all of the audience arose. There was a pause, and then thunderous cheering and applause broke from the crowd.

In offering the final prayer, **Rev. Lewis Parker** of the Church of Christ in Houston, Texas declared, "We came prepared to go to jail with Rev. Moon if necessary. Not only are we going to give one week, but I hope, should Rev. Moon go to jail, that as many of us as can from across this nation will come and march seven times seven days around that jail,

and continue through the seventy-two weeks [of Rev. Moon's confinement]. Then when they release Rev. Moon from jail we will all converge and take one last March; we'll march with him out of that penal institution. God be our helper."

Participants afterwards signed the Religious Liberty Proclamation, and on

the back of this document signed their commitment to go to jail with Father. The clergymen voiced their determination to contact many other ministers and to take the light of this rally, like a torch, to ignite rallies throughout the nation on behalf of religious liberty. Following the rally the clergymen visited their senatorial and congressional representatives

to convey their indignation over Father's tax case and other governmental intrusions into the religious sector.

Within a few weeks of this initial meeting, rallies have been held throughout the nation, all sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Freedom. ●

"Rev. Moon is a Good Man"

Dr. Richard Rubenstein,
Distinguished Professor of Religion
at Florida State University

I am not going to begin my comments by telling you that "although I do not agree with the theology of Reverend Moon, I am horrified at what has happened to him." I want to begin by saying that I have known Reverend Moon since 1976, and before these T.V. cameras, I want to declare that Reverend Moon is a great and good man.

I further want to declare—and this I do as a historian of religion, trained for my task at Harvard University—that Reverend Moon is one of the most important religious figures of the twentieth century. Let me give you some evidence of why I say this.

Reverend Moon is a man who was incarcerated by the Communists in North Korea, smitten almost to death by the Communists. Nevertheless, true to his inspiration—for at an early age, he was convinced that God had especially charged him with a mission in the world—he came out of that hideous situation and began preaching to one or two people—at first, from a hut! Within a few short years, people all over the world had become not only his admirers, but his disciples. I regard that as extraordinary! How many people starting out as store-front preachers become world-wide religious leaders? One has to have the Spirit in order to do this. I happen to know that Reverend Moon sometimes only sleeps for an hour or two. That, when others are sleeping, he is praying.

I read in my hotel room, a scurrilous comment from a scurrilous Washington magazine which is devoted mostly to social events at the Embassies, that Reverend Moon is a convicted felon. As a historian of religion, I am aware of the fact that Reverend Moon is not the only convicted felon in the history of religion! We all know who the greatest convicted



Dr. Richard Rubenstein

felon in history is! But may I remind you that the New Testament contains a letter written by Paul of Tarsus to Philemon from prison. There's more to the story—far more than that—but I couldn't begin to tell you all of it.

I would, however, like to just describe one or two evidences of the work of the Reverend Moon. Washington, D.C. for many years, was a single newspaper town. Only one voice was heard—that of the *Washington Post*.

Now whether you're a liberal or a conservative, any large community—certainly the capital of the greatest nation on earth—needs more than one newspaper. The fact of the matter is that the *Washington Post* is owned by the same people who own *Newsweek*, and there was a second newspaper in Washington, *The Washington Star*, which was owned by the people who own Time Inc. Now, you would think that the people who own Time Inc. would have wanted to maintain the *Washington Star*, if for nothing else than corporate pride. They weren't able to do it. I heard a very famous correspondent, John Lofton, say that after the *Washington Star* folded, he heard from some of his conservative friends it's about time they put their money where their mouth is, and use their money to start a newspaper in Washington.

Now, one man started a newspaper in Washington. He did so, not to make a

profit because although the local *Washington Times* will someday make a profit, that day will not come for several years. If Time Inc. and some of the richest bigshots in the world who wanted an alternative voice in Washington couldn't do it, why did Reverend Moon do it? He did it because he was not motivated by economic considerations. He is a man of God, who was motivated by his vision of what is right for America and right for the world, and—unlike so many other people—he was willing to put the effort, the energy, the love and the resources of his people, where his mouth was, and where their mouths were.

Last December, the Reverend Moon went back to his native land of Korea. The Russians had brutally shot down a Korean airliner, with the loss of lives that you know about. You don't know that the North Koreans had been landing high-tech people from mini-submarines to do sabotage throughout South Korea. There was the Rangoon incident, where half the cabinet of Korea was murdered. And the Reverend Moon wanted to come back, and he wanted to bring a message of consolation to his people, and he invited professors from 72 countries of the world to come with him. And let me tell you, they were not lowly professors—one of them was a former Prime Minister of his nation. And at five days' notice, professors from 72 countries of the world came and felt it a privilege to be with this man. I have sat at the table with this man when there were five Nobel Laureates at that table. Now, the man that I know is not the man that one reads about in the press!

My final comment is this. I am a resident of the state of Florida. Friends, the state of Florida is awash with billions and billions of dollars of illegal drug money. And I have heard it told, (I have no evidence) that some very highly-placed Floridians—even some banks!—are the beneficiaries of this. If the government wants to go hunting for tax money, tax them! ●

“God moves in Mysterious Ways”

Dr. Joseph Lowery,
President of the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference

We are here in a sacred moment in history. God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps on the sea and rises upon the stars. Our nation was founded on the principles of liberty and justice for all. But many of us have been compelled from the very beginning to engage in vigilant and vigorous struggle in order to make these noble principles live for all of God's children.

Our uncompromising commitment to liberty and justice and the moral imperatives of our faith compel us to be here today. We believe that it is the ultimate of patriotism to challenge the nation to live up to its noble principles of liberty and justice.

There are those who will criticize us today for challenging our nation to live up to these principles. There are those who would even call us unpatriotic. But I submit that we are the new true patriots, that we love the country so much—and I don't like those bumper stickers that say “Love it or leave it”, some of you may carry some of those on your bumper—but we love it so much, we're not going to leave it alone until it straightens up and flies right. That's how much we love America.

We love America so much that we have to cause her pain sometimes. We've had to fill up her jails, we've had to crowd her streets, we've had to challenge her criminal justice system in order that she live up to the mandate we believe God has given her for now and for the future. So we come today and challenge our nation, not from a constitutional basis—and that's important, not from any political persuasion as right as that may be. We come from the moral imperatives of our faith, for we believe that religion and the right to worship are granted us by God.

The basis for human relations is moral, is religious—how can you love God whom you've never seen if you do not love your fellow man when you see him? The whole question of liberty and justice and non-discrimination is based in morality and theology and religion. If,

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Dr. Joseph Lowery

a man discriminates against me because I'm ignorant, that's my fault, I can do something about it. But if a man discriminates against me because I'm black, he discriminates against God because God made me black and there's nothing I can or want to do about that! If a man discriminates against me because of my faith he also discriminates against God because God called me to my faith..

Our fear of persecution must never prevent us from witnessing for truth. Voluntary silence on the part of the faithful today will strengthen the voice of our oppressors and make our silence tomorrow compulsory.

The world waits for power from religious communities united around the moral imperatives of love. Here we are today in the religious community with all its diversity and doctrine, ritual and theology, we have a common thread, that is, faith in God and the efficacy of love. Love demands today that we strengthen our commitment to the rights that are guaranteed by God and only delineated by the Constitution.

God moves in mysterious ways, bringing the religious community to protect liberties endangered. While Martin Luther King, Jr., was in jail, the majority of the religious community stood against our struggle. But God moves in mysterious ways and by the mid 60's much of the religious community was supportive of our struggle, but still God had to move in a mysterious way. A white religious leader from Nebraska, a yellow religious leader from Korea, brings the Judeo-Christian and Moslem community together around religious liberty helping us to understand that we are tied together inextricably. There is no path to religious freedom or racial freedom for Lowery, that doesn't intersect Grant and no path to liberty for Grant and LaHaye that doesn't intersect Lowery and Gutman. We're tied together. If

you're going to keep me in the ditch, part of you has got to stay there with me... We have got to understand that racism and religious bigotry today are twin plagues, inseparable twin plagues that folks who have been engaged in the racial struggle, we've understood all along. That's why it wasn't hard for me, a black Methodist preacher to defend the religious liberty of a yellow Korean man who I can't understand most of the time. But what I do understand is that I'm not secure until his rights are secure. None is secure, until all of us are secure.

Let me say two or three things, then I'm through. God is calling all of us to get in the way today. There's a verse in Isaiah that says “I, being in the way, the Lord led me.” I like another translation that says “I, being in the way, the Lord empowered me.” The church has lost some of its power. We've gotten out of the way.

But there is power. God's power can change the Supreme Court, God's power can change the administration. God wants the religious community to get in the way. Get out of your own home, out of your self-interested, self-sustained, self-aggrandizing agenda, and look at the poor, at hunger, at deprivation, at war, at hate between clan and race, at the struggle between the urban and the rural, look at the struggle between black and white, young and old, rich and poor, there's power to bring us all together.

The final thing I want to say is that the religious community could be by the mysterious way of God able to save America. There's enough power in this concern to wipe out drugs, cocaine—they ain't as powerful as the holy spirit—if we just understand what holds us together, that we're like a tree with different branches and different limbs and even different leaves, but we got the same roots, the same trunk; it comes out of the level of God but it stems us into the world.

If somebody dug down deep beneath the redwood and discovered that the roots of the redwood tree were big and strong, but more than that, the roots of one tree and the roots of another tree, the roots of those trees were entwined...(At this point, Dr. Lowery joined hands with each of the speakers at the front of the stage. Applause).●

NOTE: Washington DC and New York Rally speeches are available at: Today's World Office. Please, include \$1.00 postage.

"One Week in Prison With Rev. Moon"

Dr. Timothy LaHaye,
President of Life Seminar,
Chairman of the Moral
Majority of California

You know something, I get the feeling that what's happening in this room is what America is really all about. Where else on earth can you look at a person that you disagree with, maybe 95% of the areas of his life, and yet respect him as a person, a preacher of God, and a fellow American, deserving of the privilege of worshipping God as he chooses. I am going to ask you to do something today. I believe we need a dramatic message to our government they will understand. Friends, I believe what has happened with Reverend Moon is a long succession of events. It has happened to others, and it is time for us to do something within the framework of the law besides just meet and have a rally and stimulate one another. I believe I am with men and women of courage and religious conviction. What I am about to suggest, I do not know whether law enforcement will even permit it. But I think they will.

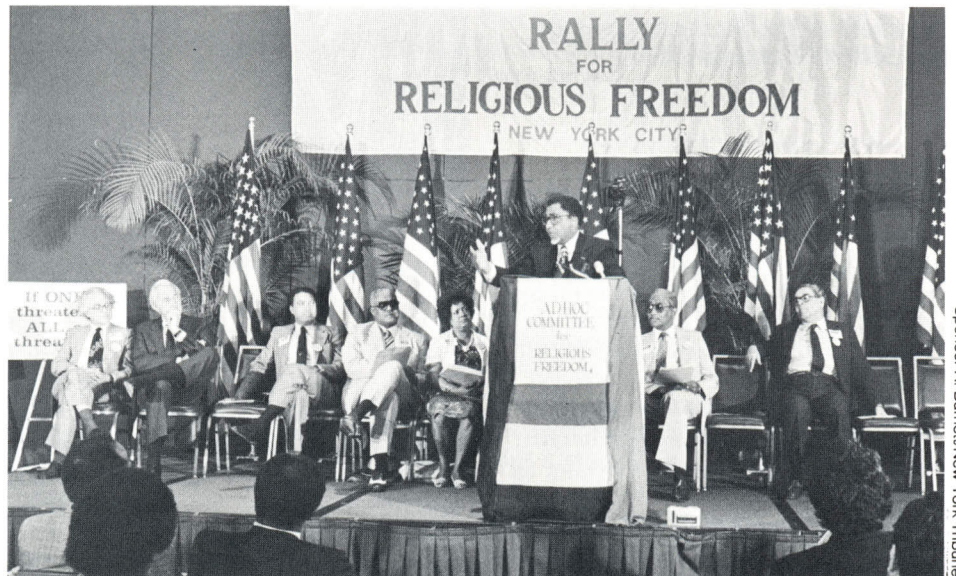
We believe that religious rights have been intruded upon and that what is happening to Reverend Moon is going to happen to us and it is time now for us to take a dramatic stand. If I understand the press, he will spend one and a half years behind bars. That means 72 weeks of time. His confinement, in a sense, is a prelude to our future confinement. Personally I do not believe he should be subjected to this alone. In a vital sense his confinement is our confinement.

Therefore I would like to challenge you to stand with me and say, "I will give one week of my life during that time and offer to spend that with Reverend Moon." Not that I agree with his doctrine, not that I agree with what he teaches because many of us don't know what he teaches. We have only read about it in the paper and you now how much we can trust the papers. What I'm asking you is, are you willing to stand with me and say as one individual, "I believe in religious freedom so much I am willing, if necessary and allowed, to spend one week of these eighteen months with Reverend Moon!" If you do, would you stand to your feet... (Almost the entire audience stands up). ●

NEW YORK CITY

by Robert & Angelika Selle

June 11, 1984



New York City, June 11, 1984, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Rev. Lowery speaking.

The power of the IRS represented by the conviction of Rev. Moon is "a sword of Damocles hanging over our religious liberty," said the Rev. Albert Tyson, moderator of a "Rally for Religious Freedom" held at the luxurious Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City.

Rev. Tyson, pastor of Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jersey City, N.J., said, "The IRS is a new American Sanhedrin," referring to the Israelite executive body which allegedly plotted to kill Jesus.

More than 400 New York-area ministers and rabbis, representing a broad spectrum of religious beliefs and all shades of liberal and conservative social values, assembled in New York on Monday, June 11 at 10 a.m.

The meeting was co-chaired by Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC—a civil rights organization founded by Dr. Martin Luther King) and former U.S. Senator and presidential candidate Eugene J. McCarthy. It protested growing government influence unto religious affairs. In particular, many of the speakers expressed grave concern about the tax-fraud conviction and impending incarceration of our True Father.

Those at the meeting, sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Freedom, denounced the government's "persecution" of Father and the threat posed by the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service to all religions

in America. Symbolic of the religious variety of the audience, the speakers represented such viewpoints as "liberal" Reform Judaism, the African Methodist Episcopal church, humanism, "personal mysticism," the Baptist church, and the Methodist church.

The Rev. Dr. Earl Moore, head of the Prison Chaplains Program in New York State and pastor of the St. Paul Baptist Church, said, "Our agenda this morning is a divine agenda. The issue is: to be free or not to be!"

Over and over, those who took the podium defended a religious leader's right to hold church money on behalf of his church. They said that Father's use of church funds was consistent with his church's theology, had full approval of his church's membership, and was done in a manner similar to that followed by many mainline churches. The speakers blasted the government for its "violation" of Father's religious liberty.

Former U.S. Senator Eugene McCarthy said, he came to "sound a warning" about the erosion of the separation between church and state. "If [the IRS] can now determine what is a true religion," he said. "The religion of the people is now the religion of the Internal Revenue Service." The IRS "has been gaining more and more authority over every aspect of life in this country," said the politician from Minnesota. The agency's tax code already defines art, education and family, Senator McCarthy said, and now, "for the

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first time in a significant way, it has moved in on religion.”

Decrying the Supreme Court’s refusal to hear Father’s appeal, the **Rev. Oscar McLaughlin**, president of the Northeast Council on Christian Concerns, said nothing now stands in the way of the government “imposing the same sanctions on our churches as on Rev. Moon’s.”

Rev. Lowery, who worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King during the heyday of the civil rights movement, said that blacks could easily identify with the plight of Rev. Moon. “Those of us who have known the pain of persecution,” he said, “cannot remain silent.”

Rev. Lowery urged the clergy to “protest the growing scorn for the sacred” in society today. “We must defend the rights of Rev. Moon, because his rights are my rights and your rights.” Commenting on the diversity of the political and religious beliefs of those coming to the support of Father, Rev. Lowery said, “God is moving in a mysterious way to wake us up. There is a mighty, negative wind blowing against religious liberty.” He then concluded by reading a proclamation condemning the government’s treatment of Father, which was unanimously adopted by the rally.

Soviet emigré and author, **Lev Navrozov** echoed Senator McCarthy’s concerns about the IRS. “Tax returns,” he said, “can be converted into a convenient tool of political repression.” Rev. Moon is “being railroaded into prison” and is the victim of a “disgraceful frame-up,” he said.

Mr. Navrozov said that everyone in America lives in fear of the IRS.

Tax laws are notoriously ambiguous. Give me, each of you, your tax returns and I’ll send you 10 times to prison by the same standards that Rev. Moon was railroaded into prison. Let me call my lawyers and accountants and they’ll send you 100 times to prison by the same standards. Senator McCarthy spoke about it. . . . We are all threatened, we are all vulnerable. The proof of it is that no American can fill out his own tax returns. He has to call up some technicians, medieval scribes. . . . [They create] mysterious sums, going on for pages and pages, and who the hell can be responsible for that?

Concluding, Mr. Navrozov cried out, “Ring the bell, let it be heard all over the United States and all over the world. Rev. Moon should not go to prison, or otherwise we are all in prison.”

Dr. Richard Rubenstein, Lawton Distinguished Professor of Religion at

We, the undersigned, BELIEVE:

That religious liberty distinguishes the American pluralistic society from all others.

That our Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom does not proceed from our government as a benefit conceded to the people, but is a reaffirmation of the freedom given to people by God.

That the highway of American history is littered with victims (Baptists, Quakers, Jews, Catholics, and Mormons among others) of religious bigotry, who have suffered at the hands of government indifference or hostility.

That the recent jailing of pastors and parents over the issue of Christian education is shameful at the very least.

That all of us are threatened by the precedent established in the tax case against Rev. Sun Myung Moon; namely:

For the first time in American history, a minister has been sentenced to jail for administering the affairs of his church exactly according to the theological principles of his faith and exactly according to the desire of his congregants.

If Rev. Moon goes to jail for the administration of church funds in the tradition of time-honored practices by well-established, main-line churches, every other minister in this land is in fear of the same future.

That, as God-fearing people, we must all fight together for the religious rights and liberties of the least of us, lest all of us lose these same rights.

That any encroachment by government upon our religious freedom must be resisted and counterattacked by every ethical and legal method available.

Therefore, the community of faith must now MOBILIZE:

To oppose the government’s jailing of ministers for the legitimate practice of their religious faith,

To stop the condemnation of religions and avoid repetition of other dark periods of American history, and

To commemorate all of those religious pioneers from colonial times to this very day who suffered for religious freedom at the hands of bigots and misguided zealots.

We, the undersigned, do hereby

1. DECLARE and establish the second consecutive Saturday and Sunday of June every year from now on to be observed in houses of worship throughout America as Religious Liberty Day; and
2. ESTABLISH ourselves as the Committee for the Observance of Religious Liberty Day to carry on this activity from year to year.

—“Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty.” Thomas Jefferson —

Florida State University, spoke passionately of the eight years that he has known Father personally. He recalled the years that Father spent as a prisoner in a concentration camp in communist North Korea. “What mortifies me,” he said, “is that a man of God imprisoned by the communists may be imprisoned by the American government.”

The Harvard-trained theologian said that Rev. Moon believes he was charged by the voice of God “to raise up a community of people who would make this a better world.” He continued:

[However,] If I were to claim that I heard the voice of God, you would be greatly suspicious. You know why? I

am Harvard-educated! And with no disrespect to my alma mater, I can tell you that Harvard men are trained *not* to hear the voice of God. In America you leave it to Pentecostals and Charismatics to hear the voice of God, because those are the people you want to control. The people who do the controlling do not hear the voice of God. Sun Myung Moon at early age heard the voice of God. I can give you a rational, psycho-analytic, economic, sociological explanation of how Sun Myung Moon was projecting, but all I would be doing would be interpreting *his* experience in terms of *my* Harvard-trained control language. And for me to tell

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HELP FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD

About Events and Activities in Europe

Rev. Young Whi Kim
Excerpts from Sunday Service
at Belvedere
May 27, 1984

Father has taught us that we are now in the Children's Course. For this age we also need a model to follow. Without a prototype, fallen people cannot reach their goals. Therefore, God always gives us an example. Our first models are our True Parents. Now God has given us another prototype—Heung Jin Nim. He is the living model for us to follow in the Children's Course. He has shown us how to live, how to love True Parents and how to love other members. He offered himself not by words, but by deeds to show us we should live a sacrificial life.

After Heung Jin Nim went to spirit world, many people received the revelation that the new age had come to this earth. Many things are changing now, not only in the spirit world but on the earth as well. I am working now in Europe. Much spiritual phenomena is occurring in that continent at this time, and I feel it is my responsibility to convey it, because these things are happening not only for Europe, but for the benefit of all members throughout the world.

We learn about the spirit world through the Principle. On many occasions Father has also talked about the spirit world, although he does not convey everything. He does not want us to focus only on that world; Father wants us to do our work on the earth. However, without understanding the spirit world, we cannot have a true life of faith. We must realize that the spirit world is our eternal home. Without knowing our homeland, we cannot have a true life of faith.

I believe most people are interested in the spirit world. Many books are written on this subject. Through reading these books one can gain a good understanding of spirit world. Yet no matter how many books one may read, without understanding the Principle, a person cannot really understand the spirit world. An understanding of the Principle is the foundation necessary to understand the spirit world.

Many of you come from Europe, or have worked there. As you probably know, Germany is a very difficult place to witness about religious and spiritual matters. German people are quite intellectual; if they don't believe something you say, they want to check its validity using scientific methods. Yet we know that spirit world cannot be discovered by science alone. Therefore, spirit world is a difficult thing for many Germans to understand. When a person talks about the spirit world, Germans have a hard time believing what they hear is true.

To have such spiritual phenomena occur, it is necessary to make many conditions. Without conditions of *Tang Gam*, the spirit world cannot work. For a spiritual being to come, a certain

atmosphere must be created. When we have negative feelings or disharmony in our center, even if good spiritual beings want to come, they cannot. Heung Jin Nim told us this. Fallen man is constantly changing—uplifted one day, depressed the next. For this reason, even if a spiritual being comes to assist one time, it may be difficult to visit a second time.

A good spiritual atmosphere is essential for the spirit world to work with us. A high spiritual atmosphere can be created through having a harmonious life. If one member does not have a good relationship with other members, the atmosphere suffers. One should be spiritually high and have an open heart to accept the assistance of good spirits. If one has doubts about the spirit world or is skeptical that spiritual phenomena can occur, it is very difficult for them to come.

I would like to relate some of the events which occurred on the 25th of March in Munich, Germany. A German brother by the name of Hans-Jurgen Heuer has been working in the United States for a number of years. Several years ago he received a revelation; the late President Eu asked him to have his mother (a member) read the *Divine Principle* book to a person in the spirit world by the name of Father Rupert Meyer, a German priest who died in 1945. He had his own church, and because he was such a good person he had many followers and was quite famous. During the time of the Nazis he opposed Hitler, and because of this was put in a concentration camp for one year. Hitler actually wanted to kill him but because so many people respected and followed Father Meyer, Hitler moved him from the concentration camp to an ordinary prison. He stayed in that prison four years and after the war was over, was released. But because he had suffered so much in prison he soon died, in November 1945. Because his whole life had been dedicated to God and Jesus he now lives in a good spiritual realm.

Erika Heuer, the mother of Hans, now lives in Munich and on her son's request, began two years ago to read ten pages of *Divine Principle* to Father Meyer every day. She did not read more than ten pages, for if we read too much, spiritual people cannot understand so many things at once. Perhaps you think that when you go to the spirit world, you can know everything. This is not true. You go to the spirit world with the knowledge you acquired on the earth. That consciousness cannot be changed suddenly. Likewise, spiritual persons do not change their faith immediately. It is difficult, and takes time. It is our responsibility to teach the people living in the spirit world about this new truth and our True Parents.



Frauenkirche in Munich.

We sometimes hear that President Eu is extremely busy teaching the Principle to spirit beings in the spirit world. Through this we can understand how important our physical life is. During our physical lifetimes, we must teach the people living on the earth, but at the same time we should teach spirit people in the spirit world. The latter method can be done by asking the spirit beings to come and listen as you read the *Divine Principle* book. Erika Heuer prayed before and after her daily reading of *Divine Principle*. Although she continued steadfastly to do this for more than two years she had no indication that anybody was listening. She simply continued on faith because she had been asked to do so. She had no idea that a spirit man came every day and listened to the words she read.

A brother named Gerrit van Dorsten, who is a *New York Tribune* correspondent in Munich, received the revelation that a spirit man was indeed listening to Mrs. Heuer every day. Initially, he wanted nothing to do with revelations or spiritual experiences. Gerrit knew that if a person does not have a strong spirit and maintain the subject position, he or she could be misused by the spirit world.

Our center in Munich is quite close to Father Meyer's former church. Father Meyer's body was buried in the small cemetery of this church. Sometimes Gerrit visited this church and prayed. One particular day he went to this church and was just about to speak when he felt his mouth move, through no will of his own. He tried to stop from speaking because he had no idea what would come out; he was afraid he might speak something bad and he did not want this to happen.

That was the 25th of March. Gerrit heard a voice and wrote down what he heard. In this revelation Father Meyer told him that there are many good Christians in the Munich area but they do not know the Will of God or how to serve Him. They do not know how to realize God's ideal on this earth. Father Meyer emphasized our responsibility to teach them the way to realize God's ideal on the earth. Father Meyer also said that there are many good spirit beings on the earth. There are many good people in the spirit world who were faithful during their physical lifetimes, but that now they need us to fulfill their purpose. He stressed the role of our members and called Unification Church members "sons and daughters of God." He said that even though we may have difficulties, we must continue. It is our responsibility as Unification Church members to teach them; without us, they cannot be taught God's Will. He talked about many other things and at the end he said, "I give this in the

name of the eternal father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his holy wife, Hak Ja Han."

At the next day's morning service, he read this revelation to the members. Erika Heuer was among those in the congregation. She was very surprised when she heard the words Father Meyer used to end the revelation. She recognized them as the exact ones she used each day of the two years to end her reading of *Divine Principle*. It confirmed that Father Meyer had indeed listened to her daily readings.

From the day after Father Meyer came to Gerrit, Heung Jin Nim came and shared many things about his life. Heung Jin Nim emphasized, just as Father had, that he had sacrificed his life for us and for Father. He also explained what he is doing now in the spirit world.

Father Meyer said that even though Erika had been teaching him the Principle every day, the time for him to be able to reveal himself was shortened only because of Heung Jin Nim. Without Heung Jin Nim it would have taken many more years for him to come and assist the providence in Germany.

Many changes have taken place since Heung Jin Nim went to the spirit world. He has brought many saints who have revealed themselves to us. One such famous spirit person is St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis came and said that during his lifetime he never lived anywhere but Italy; even after he went to the spirit world he was confined to Italy. He said that until now, everything in the spirit world was compartmentalized. People lived in distinct groups divided from other groups by barriers. But after Heung Jin Nim arrived the barriers started breaking down. Because of the order Heung Jin Nim has brought to the spirit world, St. Francis is now free to come to Germany as well as to other nations. He talked about many things, emphasizing particularly the importance of creating harmony among members.

Heung Jin Nim knows that St. Francis is not good at organizing programs and the like. Therefore, he gave him the mission to bring peace and harmony. St. Francis is now called "Peacebringer" in the spirit world. St. Francis told us that he must teach us the simple life. He is surprised to see so many advancements since his physical lifetime. He said that while it is fine to enjoy good food or live in good homes, we should always think that there are many people suffering in other parts of the world. Therefore, even though we eat and live well, we should always pray for those people.

Heung Jin Nim said that when he went to the spirit world he began a complete reorganization. He has brought many kings together. St. Francis calls Heung Jin Nim "Our Young King" and told us that some people call him "New Christ" or "New King of Heaven." He said that before they always prayed in the name of Jesus Christ and that they now pray in the name of the the New Christ, Heung Jin Nim and Jesus. Therefore, Jesus is now mentioned after Heung Jin Nim. St. Francis told us that spirit persons can now receive more love because of Heung Jin Nim. This is true for Jesus as well. When Heung Jin Nim goes somewhere, Jesus always comes with him. During his visit, Heung Jin Nim refers to the fact that his brother, Jesus, is with him.

In the beginning Jesus did not speak. Heung Jin Nim said that after he went to the spirit world he discovered how much Jesus was suffering. There are several reasons for this. One reason is that Jesus founded Christianity and for two thousand years worked so hard to spread Christianity worldwide. He brought many Christians, but this Christian foundation was for the Lord of the Second Advent to come. It was Christianity's mission and responsibility to receive our True Father when he came on earth. Jesus said that all Christians are his own spiritual children. But when established Christianity opposed Father it



St. Francis of Assisi curing a wounded man.

looked just as if he himself opposed Father, which above all he did not want to do. Whenever he saw Christians oppose Father, he felt great pain and suffered personally because of this.

The second reason for Jesus' agony is that although he brought many people to Christianity, many are falling away from the Christian churches and going to Satan's side. Therefore Heung Jin Nim as well as other saints have directed us to go to established Christian churches to teach Christians that we love God and to tell them about our True Parents and the Principle.

The spiritual world revealed the names of twelve Christian churches in Munich, asking us to go and visit each of those churches every day, talking to at least one person in each church. They stressed that when we go to the churches we should not have an arrogant mind; we should not think that we have something to teach them and so they must listen. No, we should have a humble heart. Heung Jin Nim and others in spiritual world asked us to initially become the spiritual children of people in these Christian churches. Although we know our True Parents and the Principle, from the standpoint of faith, we are actually behind Christians of the established churches. Therefore, we have to learn from them and cultivate our heart of faith. Once we become their spiritual children, they will open their hearts to us because we are their spiritual children, and from that point will listen to what we say. Then we can teach them the Principle gradually, not everything at once, and later they will become our spiritual children.

Spiritual world also emphasized the importance of singing Holy Songs. Often when we witness, we have the tendency to choose songs which we think people might like. Instead we should sing only Holy Songs; spirit world gets energy through Holy Songs. They are more inspired and can help us more. Holy Songs can also change the spiritual atmosphere. When you go out witnessing, prepare each time with Holy Songs and prayer. If you don't pray enough before going out, you can easily be influenced by evil spirits. Because there are many evil spirits who are still attached to the physical world and who want to influence us, we must pray.

Spiritual world has taught us that prayer has two purposes. One purpose is that it brings assistance from the spirit world. The second purpose is to protect ourselves. Sometimes we see members who worked hard for years but after some time they fell away. When you work very hard but do not get good results,

there is a point after which you cannot continue. You lose your faith and confidence; it is easy to fall away through Satan's influence. When you don't have good results Satan will tell you, "Now you see. Even though you worked very hard, you cannot bring any results. Why do you continue?" Satan will always try to crush our faith. To protect yourself from this kind of attack you have to pray. If you have enough prayer condition, Satan cannot take your faith away from you. But if you don't have this, you lose faith. Prayer is very important.

Another activity persons in the spirit world asked us to do was to give Divine Principle lectures on the street, lasting at least thirty minutes each. If this was not possible, a 21 minute lecture condition would be enough. People must know that every day at a certain place Unification Church members give lectures on the Principle. Punctuality is also essential. If we continue at the same place at the same hour every day, the spirit world can give inspiration to somebody to visit the lecture place at that particular time. To gain spiritual cooperation, we must follow these instructions. The spiritual atmosphere of the place can be changed by such support. By our work, the spiritual world will be cleared and the evil spirits must leave. You may feel that we do not have good enough results to continue such a practice. Even though we may not gain members, we can change the spiritual atmosphere through this condition and that in itself will be a great help later. To continue is the most important thing.

We also have to pray every day asking the spirit world to help us make our center a harmonious one so that they can come. Spiritual contacts have always emphasized the importance of loving and serving each other to bring unity.

Jesus has revealed that before Heung Jin Nim came he was so lonely and suffered so much, but since Heung Jin Nim entered the spirit world, he has been able to receive a love he never experienced before. He said that now he has a *true* brother bringing this wonderful love to him. Because of Heung Jin Nim, Jesus and all saints were raised to a higher level.

Although Father has told us things about Jesus' life, now Jesus himself has shared things about his life which we have not heard before. He said that Nazareth was a very small village; he also said that it was very difficult for Joseph and Mary to live there because everybody mocked Joseph. It was next to impossible for them to fulfill their missions. Jesus told us that he feels if other people would have been put in the same positions, they would probably have failed the missions as well because they were such difficult positions. Jesus asked us to forgive them, saying that when we do, he will also be able to forgive them.

The spiritual world can accomplish things only by working through people on the earth. Jesus talked about St. Paul. We learn from the Bible that Jesus was able to convert St. Paul in one moment; however, Jesus has told us that this was not the case. Jesus chose Paul because he was a man of strong faith and righteousness. But Jesus said that Paul hated him very much in the beginning. Even after Paul's conversion, it took 14 years for Jesus to train him.

Father has told us that Heung Jin Nim is working with young people in the communist bloc nations. Heung Jin Nim told one brother that in the future he will have a mission to work in Eastern Europe and he must prepare for that time. Heung Jin Nim asked this brother to study Russian and prepare in other ways. Heung Jin Nim has told us that many young people are now being prepared in Eastern Europe.

As well, Heung Jin Nim says that all members must be prepared for the time when we have to teach thousands of people at once. Now we are witnessing one to one. But the time is coming when each of us will teach thousands. Therefore all members, especially leaders, must prepare for that time. We

have to study and pray, and learn to give lectures on the Principle, VOC, and Unification Thought.

Saint Paul told us that when he was a missionary, each day when he woke up, he did not know if he would live until evening. So every morning in prayer he prepared to die that day. Heung Jin Nim appointed him to help the people who will go to Eastern Europe. St. Paul said that those who work in the communist bloc nations must have the same determination as he had during his physical lifetime; without this determination it would be too difficult for them to work in such places.

Many saints have told us that spirit world is being completely organized by Heung Jin Nim. We have divided Germany into four regions; we have learned that there are four regions for the German providence organized in the spirit world. Father Meyer was appointed as the spiritual leader of the Southeast Region. When Heung Jin Nim comes to visit us, he gives us important and fundamental instructions. Details are given through Father Meyer, simply because Heung Jin Nim is too busy. He has the right and authority to go anywhere at any time and has many places to visit.

Spiritual beings can come to our assistance quickly. St. Francis told us that we can call upon him whenever we need him. We don't even need to use the word "saint" but can simply call him "Francis" or "Franciscus." Actually spiritual people are just friends of ours. They are really dependent upon us; without us they cannot do anything. They ask that we have strong faith to go on—for Christians, for the people of this world, and for them.

Even before such spiritual phenomena started to occur in Germany, it began in England. A sister referred to as Faith Jones received many revelations and instructions from Heung Jin Nim. This was during a special 40 day witnessing condition. Miracles happened and they achieved good results.

Although we learn through Principle that spirit world exists and helps us, many members have not really believed this, or else they had only a conceptual understanding of it. Now, however, they have to believe it.

This spiritual phenomena is occurring not only in our movement; non-members have also received revelations. Many people we visit have had inspirations or dreams that our members were coming. Of course it will take time for them to accept the Principle and our True Parents.

As in Germany, we also make daily visits to certain churches in England. We were asked to select eight cities, each of which should have six or seven churches. Spirit world directed our members to visit each church every day, making conditions for the people and praying for them.

Four of our members went to one Pentecostal church in England. Before our members went, the woman leader of the church received a revelation that four important people were coming to her church. She learned from the spirit world that they would talk with her about three things: (1) the importance of VOC and that all Christians must be mobilized for VOC work; (2) interfaith activities—the different church denominations must work together for unity and fight against common enemies; (3) the case before the European Parliament. The Parliament in Europe wants to pass a resolution against our church in order to restrict our activities. She received that all churches must work to prevent this from happening.

Our members talked with her about exactly those three things. She told them that in a vision she had seen an Oriental boy coming to her. In the beginning she thought he was Chinese. But he came with Jesus and Jesus introduced him to her saying, "This is the new Christ." She could not understand it.



Faith Jones (middle), after blessing a church in Dublin.

Visiting Churches in Great Britain

During a 21-Day period, which was inspired by Heung Jin Nim, brothers and sisters of Great Britain and Ireland visited 49 churches to speak to the ministers and introduce three major concerns of prayer.

Through Faith Jones, Heung Jin Nim blessed each one of those churches, praying for them to fulfill their responsibility in this most providential time and age.

In the vision Heung Jin Nim gave her rice and seaweed soup. These foods have a special significance. Seaweed soup is a typical food eaten by Korean mothers after giving birth. When the first child of True Parents, Ye Jin Nim, was born, True Parents gave all members these same two foods. It was a special condition whereby through the True Children we could be born of the True Parents. Through eating Mother's food like Mother's milk, we could conditionally become one body with our True Parents, born of them, receiving all life and nourishment from them.

Heung Jin Nim gave this woman minister rice and seaweed soup and even spoke to her in Korean. Learning that Heung Jin Nim is teaching Korean to outside people, we can understand why Father strongly emphasizes that we learn Korean. Without learning Korean you cannot become the child of the True Parents.

The minister could not understand the revelation until our members explained about Father and Heung Jin Nim. Then she wept. So moved, she invited the four members to a national convention of her denomination being held on June 9, and said that she wanted them to give the sermon there. She also expressed the desire to work together with our church.

Father has told us that we have to work with churches, not just with individuals. This is the time when whole churches will come at a time. It would be impossible to reach the four billion people of the world if we worked one to one. This is why Father is focusing on interfaith activities in America and instructing us to have revival meetings. That is what the spirit world is doing now. They are preparing everything for us, but the problem is that we are not yet prepared. You want many things to happen, but you don't do anything. Spirit world is going ahead of us, giving us directions while at the same time we are pushed by Father. We must really prepare for big things to happen, and determine with strong confidence to bring them to pass. Then all our long-cherished desires will become reality. ●

These testimonies simply confirm the truth of the Principle.

NOT AT ALL UNUSUAL

Spiritual Experiences in Perspective

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak
Excerpts from Morning Service at the
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Centering on Heung Jin Nim, spiritual phenomena is occurring throughout the different continents of the world. As Rev. Young Whi Kim testified, he is appearing to our members, leaders and even people who are not members of our church.

When you listen to news about spiritual experiences, I have noticed that some of you are anxious to have the same kinds of experiences yourself. It is important to have a certain amount of spiritual assistance. Spiritual experiences can fill us with new determination to fulfill our missions or certain goals. Yet it is essential to know how to interpret the spiritual experiences of others as well as any spiritual assistance we ourselves receive.

Testimonies of the spiritual activities presently occurring in Europe involving St. Francis or Father Meyer are actually not special stories. They are absolutely in accordance with the Principle. According to the Principle, everyone in the spirit world must eventually recognize and relate to the Messiah and grow to new levels by assisting people on the earth. Although these testimonies simply confirm the truth of the Principle, they seem exciting and interesting to us.

Applying the Principle in Daily Life

Many have learned the Principle and have even taught it, but there is still some gap between what the Principle says and its application in daily life. We are still imperfect people and do not live a completely principled life. If we would live one hundred percent centered on the Principle, we would not be so excited or interested in stories about the spirit world, such as that of Heung Jin Nim directing Mohammed to instruct his descendants. This is not a strange story at all. The Principle of Resurrection explains that ultimately all religions must unite into one, that the spiritual world must witness to the Second Coming and guide or direct people in their denominations living on the earth. This is basic Principle, yet hearing such a story excites you. It is important to reflect on the reason for your excitement.

Rev. Kim also shared the revelations of brothers and sisters who have learned about the relationship between Heung Jin Nim and Jesus. These facts, too, may be difficult to understand, but are based on the Principle and are not at all unusual.

Even though we become elated after listening to such accounts, they have no meaning if we do not change our attitude about life or do not relate them to the Principle and our daily

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lives. It would be far better for our spiritual growth to continue to follow the Principle and not hear about such spiritual experiences if we simply become excited and don't change.

Father Knows Both Worlds Intimately

Externally, True Father looks like an ordinary man. Yet when we listen to his words, thoughts and visions, we realize how different he is. Father knows both worlds intimately. Since Heung Jin Nim's *Seung hwa* Ceremony, Father has taught us about Heung Jin Nim's position and how the dispensation is changing through him. He has also told us that before Heung Jin Nim went into the spiritual world, there was no order; yet now Heung Jin Nim is organizing everything. When people make even small predictions, the news media publicizes it as a big story. Yet Father has predicted so many things and is teaching both the physical and spiritual worlds. How can we interpret his teaching? Before Heung Jin Nim's *Seung hwa* Ceremony, none of us could have ever imagined his position in the spiritual world. Father explained the spiritual world to us. In this sense, we all as Unification Church members must once again recognize the precious value of True Parents.

Heung Jin Nim has been revealing so much about the spiritual world for our benefit. We have learned about the attitudes of St. Francis and Father Meyer, and others. These spiritual persons are not important to us individually. The important thing is that through learning about spiritual phenomena we can have new determination centering on our faith in the Principle.

Father has taught us about far more than Heung Jin Nim's position in the spirit world. Over the years he has constantly educated us about so many things. How seriously we adopt his

teaching and direction to our lives is what is important now. We need to repent and make a new start, resolving to follow his guidance more than before.

Follow Father's Course

Although I mentioned that it is essential to have personal spiritual experiences, I want to urge you not to relate to the spiritual world too much. It might be a heavy burden for you to deal with it. There are some people, though, who have a special mission to do this. Sometimes God chooses a certain person who always sacrifices and relates to the spiritual world with a great deal of prayer and then receives guidance from the spiritual world. If each of us focussed on having spiritual experiences, we might in fact reach spiritual people, such as Jesus, Mohammed and Buddha, but whatever they would teach us can be found in the Principle or Father's speeches. If you were to pray hard and make contact with a spiritual person in order to ask about your future or the future of this world, you may have a certain expectation as to the kind of response you would get. Most people are generally interested in their own future. Yet according to the Principle and True Father's direction, we know our future. If we follow Father's guidance and fulfill our responsibility by laying conditions of *Tang Gam*, we should have no doubt about our future. It is guaranteed.

If you are concerned about the future of your society, nation or world, you will be able to find its direction in Father's speeches and the Principle. In this sense, our daily life is precious. We should follow Father's course—do our mission, pray, lay conditions of *Tang Gam* for the sake of the nation and the world.

We each have a precious mission given by God, and in a spiritual sense, our daily lives have incredible merit.

We are Moonies; the centers in which we live are dedicated to God. People throughout the world live in many styles of homes—some live in mansions, some live in humble places. But our church centers, including also the World Mission Center, have been established for God's dispensation. We don't know how many billions of people in the spiritual world would like to stay even one night in such a dispensational building.

Perhaps if we were deeply to reflect upon such things, we would come to such a conclusion; the problem is that we do not relate our daily life with such precious points. When negative things happen, we can easily recall difficult moments from the past. Yet part of the problem is that we live with this pain and do not remind ourselves often enough of the preciousness of the life God has chosen for us. If we were to concentrate on remembering the beautiful moments we have had with Heavenly Father, True Parents, leaders, or other members, we could view whatever we do throughout the day as valuable.

There are so many spiritual people who want to relate to and assist each one of us. We each have a precious mission given by God, and in a spiritual sense, our daily lives have incredible merit.

In the early days of our movement in Korea, people experienced many kinds of spiritual phenomena. After Heung Jin Nim went to the spiritual world, according to his authority, he mobilized famous saints, sages, religious leaders and righteous people (especially on the Godly side), to assist Father's dispensational work. Previously the many evil spirits in the spiritual world had great power. Because of this negative environment, righteous spiritual persons could not easily assist the mainstream

activities of God's dispensation. There are several reasons that the present circumstances are completely different. True Parents now have a foundation of victory worldwide; also Heung Jin Nim is working to mobilize the entire spiritual world.

Our Five Percent Responsibility

I am not concerned with the amount of spiritual phenomena that will occur from now on. Rather I feel that each of us must be careful in digesting our spiritual experiences, making them a part of our lives but not the entire focus. Spirit people can give ninety-five percent assistance to a person living on earth; those on the earth have five percent responsibility. One's attitude towards spiritual phenomena is important. If you receive such spiritual assistance or have spiritual experiences, I recommend that you develop an even closer relationship to your central figure in order more correctly to interpret, adapt and approach how to apply the lessons you learn.

One important aspect to remember about spiritual assistance is that while spiritual beings want to help our work and assist the True Parents, they are also working towards accomplishing their personal goals. As we know from the Principle, spiritual beings need to assist people living on the earth in order to grow to higher spiritual levels. The person living on the earth is always in the subject position. Therefore, it does not matter how wonderful the spiritual phenomena is or what amazing things happen. Those in the physical world must never become objects to those in the spiritual world. It is important, therefore, to learn the Principle and to study Father's words more deeply in order to know the Principle view clearly. Without the strength of this foundation, spiritual experiences might easily confuse you and may even put you in spiritual danger.

Since Heung Jin Nim went to the spirit world, many high level spirits have been able to assist us. They do have their own purposes and goals, however, and might possibly be overly anxious and push us too much. For these reasons we must understand why they might be assisting us.

Through Rev. Kim's explanation, we have learned about the True Children's position in the spiritual world. Even Jesus has introduced Heung Jin Nim as "young Christ" or "new king." These are not simple words. We must once again thank God for giving our lives such meaning as He guided each of us to the Principle and our True Parents.

True Parents' Position in the Spiritual World

We also must reflect on True Parents' position in the spiritual world. Many of us have had opportunities to see them and listen to them directly. God has blessed us with such precious moments. Yet, on the other hand, God tries to direct our lives through True Father's words. We must examine to what degree we actually fulfill his direction. How many times does he expect that we will fulfill after we pledge to do so? Yet, how many times do we disappoint him? We must feel ashamed that we have let him down; yet, at the same time, continue to be determined to fulfill his directions to us.

Keep your dignity and integrity before God. Remember how precious the position of True Parents is and how important their teaching and guidance are. If you remember these points, you will not easily tire or become discouraged.

Father recently guided us about the meaning of "unification" in our church. He does not relate it simply to unification on the earth. Rather, his main idea of unification is the unity between the physical and spiritual worlds. We should continue to remember how the activities of our daily lives relate to this goal.●

BETWEEN RELATIVE FREEDOM AND TOTALITARIANISM

Fact-Finding Tour of Asia

by Larry Moffitt

This fact-finding tour was a consciousness-raising tour, designed to help journalists (one hundred editors, reporters, and radio and TV broadcasters from eighteen countries) get a better understanding of the complex problems and issues in Asia. In two weeks we completed an exhausting schedule that included Thailand, the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan and Korea.

Each of these countries is on the front line between relative freedom and totalitarianism. In the Philippines and Japan, the front line is more internal, while Thailand, Taiwan and Korea all live under the constant presence of aggressively hostile communist neighbors.

A Glimpse of the Reality

Father knew that if journalists could see even a glimpse of the reality of this threat, they would be deeply changed by the experience. In Col. Bo Hi Pak's message to the group, his only request was that they observe closely and report the truth about their observations. And, judging from the copies of articles by participants we received after the tour, that's what they did. One man, the publisher of a *very* liberal, large circulation daily newspaper in Florida, said over lunch a few weeks after returning home:

During the Carter Administration, our paper strongly supported the President's proposal to withdraw U.S. troops from Korea. But after having been to Korea and the DMZ [demilitarized zone], there is no way our paper would support a position like that today.

The highlights of the Thailand portion of the tour were our visit with Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda and our one-day foray into Cambodia. The trip to the village inside Cambodia (about two kilometers across the border) took place during a particularly dangerous time,

because it was during the dry season, when the invading Vietnamese usually attack civilian villages and refugee camps along the Thai border. We visited the village of Ben Sangae with a population of forty thousand civilians, mostly families with young children and elderly people. The communist Vietnamese don't attack the camps for military reasons, just to terrorize the inhabitants. It's simply killing for sport, like shooting rabbits.

But the "rabbits" here are old men, women with babies and children who are bright, happy and surprisingly serene, considering their circumstances. The children put on a folk ballet show that even made some reporters cry from the sheer beauty, innocence and tenderness of it. They fell deeply in love. They held the babies, they heard the horror stories of the families and they felt, if only briefly, what it must be like to never know from one day to the next if you will ever see your home and family again or even if you will be alive.

Not Just TV News

Speaking with one of our guests on the bus back from the camp, I asked her to picture in her mind the children we had just seen dancing. Then I told her that, in order to get a sense of what the Communists are doing in Cambodia, she should picture in her mind someone blasting through these children with machine guns and bayonets. The thought took her by surprise and, horrified by the suggestion, she only said, "I can't." A while later, she reminded me of our conversation and said, "Maybe that's why we don't hear so much about the boat people; we can't let ourselves think about it."

Ten days later we picked up the *Yomiuri Shimbun* in Tokyo and read that

this same village, Ben Sangae, had been attacked with Vietnamese tanks and mortars and overrun with troops. Seventy civilians had been butchered, and three hundred wounded, as the terrified villagers ran screaming through the bushes, trying to get to the Thai border.

Now, ten years after the fall of Vietnam, after thousands of headlines and newspaper articles, after a half million boat people have drowned in the South China Sea—this part of the world finally becomes a real place to these journalists. Cambodia isn't just some place on the TV news. It isn't theater and these are not *gooks*. When we read about Ben Sangae, we all cried. Journalists' tears are very expensive because of their scarcity, and the value of their tears to God is also high.

The DMZ in Korea

Each country had its special memories, but ideologically speaking, the second blockbuster for our guests came when they visited the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Korea. The most impressive part of the DMZ tour were the invasion tunnels dug by North Korea. Seeing them gives a sense of the seriousness of the North in its desire to conquer the South.

We visited Panmunjom where the Marine in charge told us how even the size of the United Nations and North Korean flags on the negotiating table had turned into a contest of wills.

Their flag [North Korea's] is slightly longer, but ours is wider. Their flag pole stands two centimeters higher than ours, but the ornament at the top of ours is wider. Their pole rests on a three tier base, while we have a two tier base that is as high as their three tier base.

Journalists' tears are very expensive because of their scarcity, and the value of their tears to God is also high.



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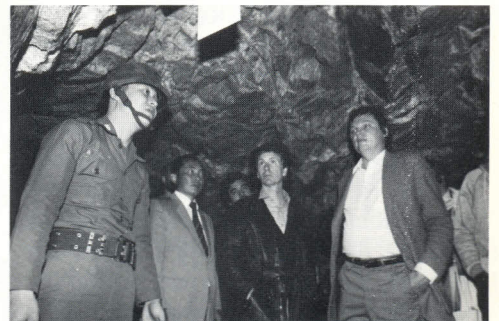
A press conference was given in Cambodia by General Dien Del, Vice President of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), the anti-communist faction at war with both the communist Khmer Rouge and the invading Vietnamese.



These Cambodian girls danced for the journalists in the Cambodian village of Ben Sangae. Days later, the village was overrun by communist Vietnamese who killed many civilians.



The pro-Marcos mayor of Manila gives his views at an impromptu session with reporters after dinner.



Reporters tour one of the invasion tunnels dug under the DMZ by North Korea. At least ten tunnels are known to exist, but only three have been discovered.

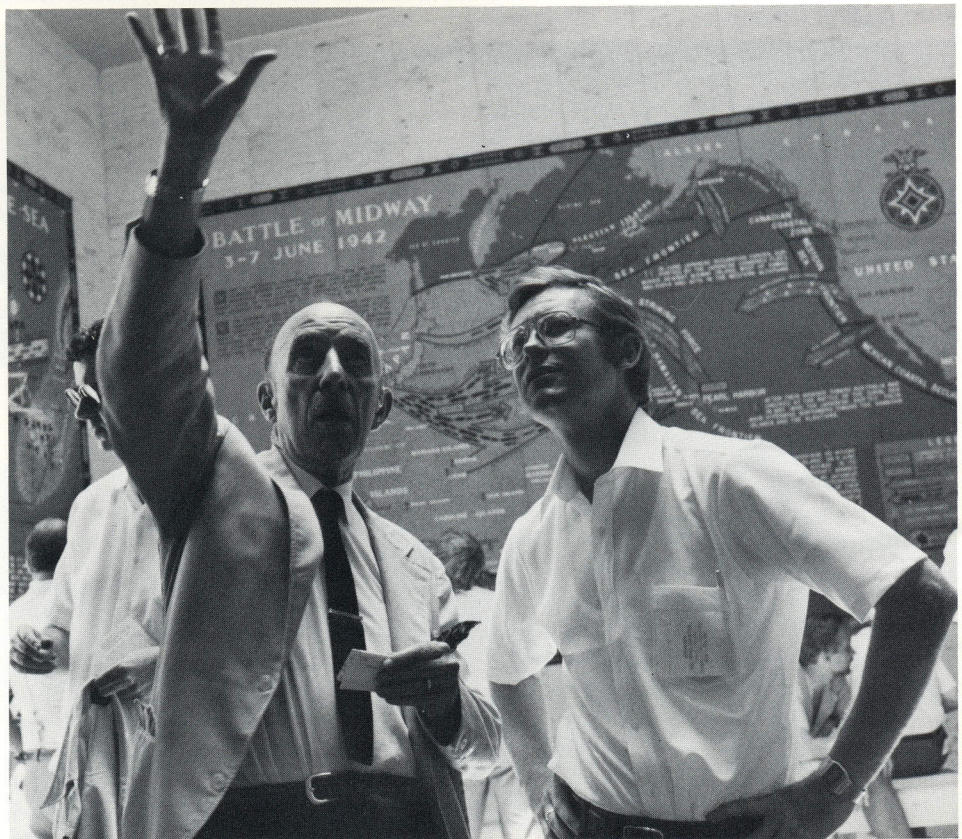


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Col. Bo Hi Pak and others stand on the other side of the negotiating table, a few feet inside North Korea, at Panmunjom in the DMZ. The Sergeant explains the silly "war" over whose flag would be larger.

So chilled is the atmosphere of the DMZ that waving at or pointing to any of the North Korean guards is forbidden because they might choose to decide that an obscene gesture is being made and use it as an excuse for violence. Not that excuses are needed: the North made an unprovoked attack on an unarmed group of men who tried to prune a tree in the UN-controlled area. People were instructed to refrain from staring too long into the eyes of North Korean guards, for fear this would be interpreted as a threatening gesture. For many, there was a new-found gratitude for the presence of U.S. troops in Korea.

At one point in Panmunjom, while we were standing atop a watchtower just 75 yards from a reconnaissance building on the other side, a North Korean guard stood watching our group through binoculars. He scanned for a long time before running back up the stairs into the building. Thirty seconds later, a dozen or so North Korean officers and men in suits hurried out onto the balcony, each with a pair of binoculars or a notebook. They were all looking at our tour group, watching every move we made.



Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II, nephew of General Douglas MacArthur, explains his famous uncle's battles in detail at a World War II memorial in the Philippines.



Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II, Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone, and Col. Bo Hi Pak share some informal moments.

Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II

The tour had the good fortune to be led by Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II, member of the *Washington Times* Editorial Advisory Board and former U.S. Ambassador to Japan. He is also the nephew and namesake of General Douglas MacArthur. Being named Douglas MacArthur in any part of Asia gives one instant recognition, respect and a reputation that must be lived up to, comparable to being named Abraham Lincoln in this country. The war has been over for forty years, but people who hadn't even been born then would smile and bow reverently at the recognition of his name.

The Ambassador eased our group through the labyrinths of protocol at the highest levels of government in each country we visited. He is also an absolute delight to travel with, a truly public man whose basic instincts were molded toward service of his country through five generations of outstanding military leaders. Because his motivations are unselfish, he has, at age 75, energy that some in their thirties would envy. But he said the real secret for long life is to have a happy marriage. He and Mrs. MacArthur celebrate fifty years together this year.



Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone and Col Bo Hi Pak.

One Hundred Journalists, One Billion Readers

Going through so many countries so quickly is quite tiring and can be frustrating because one has so little time to get to know any one country. But within the limitations, such an experience can give one a dose of reality far more intense than anything one knew before.

Much credit has to be given to the foreign missionaries and national leaders who recommended many of the partici-

pants for the tour. Through their sacrifice and faith, these journalists were nurtured to a point where they could attend our tour, grow close in heart to us, and develop an appreciation for Father and for what he has been saying about communism for so many years.

It seems that each time we do one of these tours, the quality of both their professional credentials and their individual characters improve markedly over the previous event. Our guests represented most of the top news organizations in the world, including *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report*, Kyoto News Agency in Japan, several major-market radio and TV stations in the U.S., and several of the most respected European and Asian newspapers.

Taken all together, the number of people reached by participants' articles and broadcasts approaches one billion. We can think of this tour not as having taken a hundred journalists to Asia, but as giving a billion of the world's people a look at the DMZ and the opportunity to see the Little Angels perform. One can easily understand why the media is so powerful, and why a tour like this is worth the money it takes to conduct it. ●

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Ae Chun Candles may be inherited in much the same way as our other traditional candles are inherited. A Blessed Couple may inherit them from a leader, from the Blessed Family Department director, or from another Blessed couple who already received the candles. Blessed couples should purchase candles which will become their *Ae Chun* candles and a lighter (matches will suffice until a lighter is obtained). Of course, it is best to receive the flame directly from True Parents, but if this is not possible, from any Blessed couple who has the candles.

For the inheritance ceremony, the original Father candle should be on the right and the original Mother candle should be on the left. The candles should be lit, and the new candles should be lit from the flame of the original candles—the Father candle from the original Father candle, and the Mother candle from the original Mother candle. The two candles should be clearly marked so that they do not become mixed up. After the new candles have been lit, bring the flames together for a moment. Then they should burn side by side for forty minutes. Shortly before extinguishing the candles, *briefly* and *carefully* pass the new lighter through the flame, so that it, too, has received the flame.

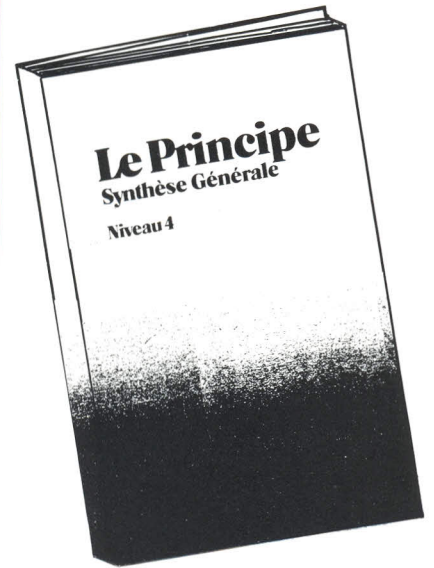
How to Multiply the Candles

A Blessed couple will use more than their original pair of candles during their lifetime; they can use their original candles to make as many new candles as needed for their use. This is not the same ceremony as inheriting the candles, and should not be used to pass on the *Ae Chun* Candles to another Blessed couple.

I suggest that couples never allow the original candles they inherited to burn down completely, but save those candles to multiply more as needed. Six new candles are made at a time: three with the Father candles and three with the Mother candle. The candles should be arranged in two four-position foundations, representing the positions of God, Adam, Eve, and child. The Father candle should be in God's position of one of the arrangements, and the Mother candle in the other. The Father candle is used to multiply Father candles, and the Mother candle is used to multiply Mother candles. The original candles should be lit first, and then used to light the new candles, transferring the light from the Adam to Eve to child positions. After a prayer over the lit candles, they may be extinguished (in other words, they do not have to burn for forty minutes as in the inheritance ceremony).

More details about the purpose and use of these candles will be published soon in a book on our traditions. ●

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him that *his* experience can only be understood in *my* categories is the ultimate arrogance.

Jeremiah Gutman, president of the New York Civil Liberties Union, said, "The persecution of Rev. Moon by the Internal Revenue Service and this administration is but one example of the kind of religious persecution that has been going on for a number of years." He pointed out that the "laws of the use of real estate are being perverted to keep out the unpopular. Zoning laws and other land use laws are used to keep out churches from communities that do not want them."

In a brief speech, American Indian leader **Mark Banks** reminded the participants that the Native Americans have been the victims of repeated religious persecution at the hands of white immigrants. "When the white people came to the shores of this hemisphere, they came here seeking freedom and liberty and justice," Banks said. "And then they turned around and formed a government

that oppressed and subjugated my people, and characterized Indian people as pagans and heathens, stupid, illiterate, drunk, lazy and savage. But Indian people have been worshipping in their own way for thousands and thousands of years in this country." He ended his speech by referring to three American Indians who were fasting in the Marion, Illinois federal prison because they have been denied the practice of their native American religion. "We must address ourselves to these issues," he said.

The rally concluded with a call for all those who would be willing to go to jail with Father for one week as sign of their commitment to religious freedom to stand. Nearly everyone did.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Freedom will continue to hold rallies throughout the country, uniting clergy and righteous people from all backgrounds and beliefs under the banner of religious freedom. As Rev. Joseph Lowery said, "Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come." ●

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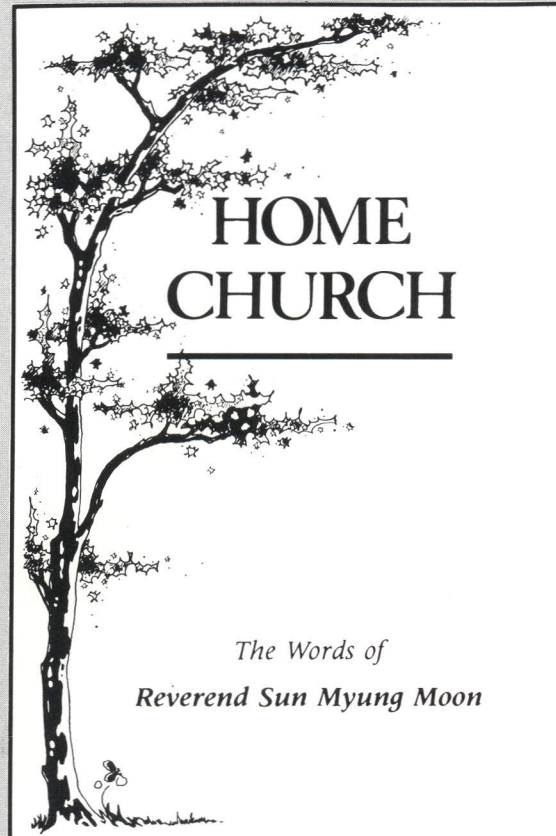
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